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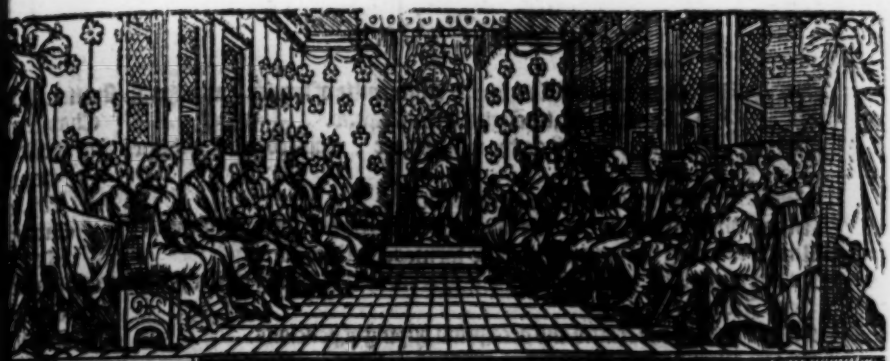

¶ Anno ſecundo, & tertio
EDVVARDI Sexti,

¶ ACTES
made in the ſeſsion of this preſent Parliament, holden vpon prorogatiõ at Weſtminſter, the fourth day of Nouember, in the ſeconde yeare of our moſte dread ſouereigne Lorde Edwarde the vi. by the grace of God kinge of Englande, Fraunce and Ireland, defendor of the fayth, and of the Church of Englande, and alſo of Irelande, in earth the Supreme head: and there continued and kept to the xiiij. day of Marche in the .IIII. yeare of our ſayde Soueraygne Lorde, as followeth.

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The first Chapiter.

WHere of longe time there hath bene had in this realme of Englande and in Wales, diuers formes of cõmon prayer, cõmonly called the seruice of the Church: that is to say, the vse of Sarum, of Yorke, of Bangor, & of Lincoln: And besides the same now of late, muche more diuers and sundrie fourmes and fashions haue bene vsed in the Cathedrall and parishe Churches of England and Wales, as wel concerning the Mattines or Morning prayer, and the Euensong, as also concerning the holy Communion, commonly called the masse, with diuers & sundry rites and ceremonies concernyng the same, and in the administration of other sacramentes of the church. And as the doers and executors of the saide rites, and ceremonies, in other fourme then of late yeres they haue bene vsed, were pleased therwith: So other not vsing the same rites and ceremonies, were therby greatly offended. And albeit the kinges Maiestie, with the aduise of his most entierly beloued vncle the Lord Protector, and other of his highnes counsail, hath heretofore diuers times assayed, to stay innouations, or newe rites concerning the premisses: yet the same hath not had such good successe, as his highnes required in that behalfe, whereupon his highnes by the most prudent aduise aforesayde, being pleased to beare with the frailtie and weakenes of his subiects in that behalfe, of his great clemẽcy hath not bene onely content, to absteyne from punishment of those that haue offended in that behalfe for that his highnes taketh that they did it of a good zeale: But also to thentẽt a vniforme, quiet & godly order shoulde be had, concerning the premisses hath appointed Charlis bishop of Cãterbury, & certein of the most learned & discreete Bishops, & other learned men of this realme, to consider & ponder the premisses, & thereupon hauing al wel eye & respect to the most sincere & pure Christian Religiõ taught by the Scripture, as to the vsages in the primatiue Churche, should drawe & make one conuenient and meete order, rite & fashion of common & open prayer, & administratiõ of the Sacramentes, to be had and vsed in his Maiesties realme of England & in Wales, The which

at this time by the ayde of the holy Ghoste, with one vniforme agreement, is of them concluded, sette forthe and deliuered to hys hyghnes, to hys great comforte and quietnelle of mynde, in a booke entituled: The Booke of the Common prayer, and administration of the Sacramentes, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Churche, after the vse of the Churche of Englande. Wherefore the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, consideryng as well the most godly trauaile of the Kynges highnelle, of the Lorde Protector, and other of his highnelle counsaile, in gathering and collecting the sayd Archebishop, Bishoppes, and learned men together, as the godly Prayers, Orders, Rites, and Ceremonies in the sayde booke mencioned, and the considerations of alteryng those thinges which be altered, and retayning those thinges which bee retayned in the sayd booke: but also the honour of GOD and great quietnelle, which by the grace of God shall ensue vppon the one and vniforme Rite and Order, in such Common prayer and rites, and externe ceremonies to be vsed throughout Englande and in Wales, at Calice and the Marches of the same, do geue to his highnelle most harty and lowly thankes for the same, and humbly praye that it may bee ordeined and enacted by his Maiestie, wyth the assent of the Lordes and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by ỹ auctoritie of the same, that all and singuler person and persones that haue offended concernyng the premisses, other then such person and persons, as nowe be and remayne in warde of the Tower of London, or in the Fleete, may bee pardoned thereof, and that all and singuler Ministers in any Cathedrall or parish Church, or other place within this Realme of England, Wales, Calice, and the Marches of the same, or other the Kinges dominions, shall from and after the feast of Pentecost nexte commyng, be bounden to saye and vse the Mattines, Euensong, celebration of the Lordes supper, commonly called the Masse and administration of eche of the Sacramentes, and all their common and open prayer, in suche order and fourme as is before mencioned in the sayde booke, and none other or otherwyse. And albeit that the same bee so godly and good, that they geue occasion to euerye honest and comformable mā most willingly to embrace them, yet least any obstinate person, who willingly woulde disturbe so godly order and quyet in thys realme shoulde not goe vnpunished: that it may also bee ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any maner of Person, Vicar, or other whatsoeuer minister that ought, or should syng or saye cōmon Prayer, mencioned in the said booke, or minister the Sacramēts shall after the said feast of Pentecost nexte comming, refuse to vse the said common payers, or to minister the Sacramentes in suche Cathedrall or Parish Church, or other places as he should vse or minister the same

same in such order & fourme as they bee mencioned and set forth in the said booke, or shall wilfully & obstinately standing in the same, use any other Rite, ceremonie, order, forme, or maner of Masse openly or privily, or Matins, Euensong, administracion of the Sacramentes, or other open prayer then is mencioned & set forth in the said booke: or openly or prively, or openly before any people, vse any other rite, ceremonie, order, forme, or maner in the vsing & ministracion of any the Sacramentes, then is vsed in the said booke: or shall preache, declare, or speake any thing in the derogacion, or deprauing of the said booke, or any thing therin contained, or of any part therof, & shalbe therof lawfully conuicted according to the lawes of this Realme, by verdict of xij. men, or by his owne confession, or by the notorious euidence of the fact, shall lose & forfeit to the Kinges highnes, his heires and successors for his first offence the profite of such one of his Spirituall benefices & promocions, as shall please the kinges highnes to assigne & appoint, comming and arising vpon the whole yere, next after this conuiction. And also that the same person soe conuicted, shall for the same offence suffer imprisonment by the space of vi. monthes, without bayle or mainprise. And if any such person once conuicted of any offence concerning the premisses, shall after his first conuiction offende, and be therof in fourme aforesaid lawfully conuicted, that then the same person shall for his second offence suffer imprisonment by the space of one whole yere, and also that therfore he be deprined ipso facto of all his Spirituall promotions, and that it shall be lawfull to all patrons, Donors, & graciters of & in such Spirituall promotions, to present to the same any other able clerck, in like maner and fourme as though the partie so offending were dead. And if any such person or persons, after he shalbe soe conuicted in fourme aforesaid, do shall offend against any of the premisses the third time, & shall be therof in fourme aforesayde lawfully conuict, that then the person so offending & conuicted the third time, shall suffer imprisonment during his life. And if the person that shall offend, and be conuicted in fourme aforesaid, concerning any of the premisses, shall not be beneficed, nor haue any Spirituall promotion, that then the same person so offending & conuict, shall for the first offence suffer imprisonment during vi. monethes, without bayle or mainprise. And if any such person, not hauing any Spirituall promocion, after his first conuiction, shall eftsones offend in any thing concerning the premisses, and shall in fourme aforesaid be therof lawfully conuicted, then the same person shall for his second offence suffer imprisonment during his lyfe.

And it is ordained and enacted by thauctority aboue sayd, that if any person or persons whatsoeuer, after the said feast of Pentecost next comming shall in any Enterludes, Playes, Songes, rimes, or by other open wordes declare or speake any thing in the derogation, depraying or despising of the same bookes or of any thing therein conteined, or any

pact thereof, or shall by open fact, deede, or by open threatnings, compell or cause, or otherwise procure, or maintaine any person, Vicar, or other Minister, in any Cathedrall or parish Church, or in Chappell or in any other place to sing or say any common and open prayer, or to minister any Sacrament otherwise, or in any other maner or forme, then is mencioned in the sayd booke, or that by any of the said meanes shal vnlawfully interrupt or let any person, vicar, or other ministers in any cathedral or parish church, chappel, or any other place, to sing or say common & open prayer, or to minister ꝑ sacramentes or any of them, in such maner and fourme as is mencioned in the said booke, that then euery person being thereof lawfully conuicted in forme aboue sayd, shal forfayt to the king our soueraigne lord, his heires & successors for the first offence ꝑ pound. And if any person or persons being once conuicted of any such offence, eftsones offend against any of the premisses, and shall in forme aforesaid be thereof lawfully conuict, that then the same person so offending and conuict, shall for ꝑ second offence forfeit to the king our soueraigne Lord, his heires and successours xx. pounde. And if any person, after he in forme aforesaide shal haue bene twise conuict of any offence concerning any of the premisses shall offend the third time, & be thereof in forme aboue said lawfully conuict, that thē euery person so offending and conuict, shal for his third offence forfeit to our soueraigne lorde the king, all his goodes and cattels, and shal suffer emprisonment during his life. And if any person or persons, that for his first offence cōcerning the premisses, shalbe conuict in forme aforesaid, do not pay ꝑ summe to be paid by vertue of his conuiction, in such maner & forme, as the same ought to be payd within fiue weekes next after his conuiction, that the euery person so conuict, & so not paying the same, shall for the same first offence in stede of the said x. pound suffer imprisonment, by the space of three monthes without baile or mainprise. And if any person or persons that for his second offence, concerning the premisses, shall ber conuict in forme aforesaid, do not pay the summe to be payed by vertue of his conuiction in suche maner and fourme as the same ought to be payed, within fiue weekes next after his said second conuiction, that then euery person so conuicted, & not so paying the same, shall for the same second offence in the stede of ꝑ said xx. pound suffer imprysonment during fiue monthes, without baile or mainprise.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all and euery Justice of Oyer & determiner, or Justices of assise, shall haue ful power and auctoritie in euery of their open and general sessiōs, to enquire, heare, and determine, al, and al maner of offences, that shal be committed or done contrary to any article cōteined in this present act, within the limittes of the cōmission to them directed, and to make processe for ꝑ execution of the same, as they may do against any person being endicted before them of trespas, or lawfully conuicted thereof.

Prouided alwaies, also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery Archebishop and Bishop, shall or may at all time and times at his moste ease and pleasure ioyne and associate himself by vertue of this act to the said Justices of Oyer & determiner, or to ye same Justices of assise at euery of the said open & general sessions to be holden in any place within his diocese, for ye the inquirie, hearing and determining of the offences afore.

Prouided alwaies, that it shalbe lawful to any man, that vnderstandeth the Greeke, Latine, Hebrue tongue, or any straunge tongue to say and haue for his owne prayers, heretofore prescribed & vsed in Latin, or any such other tongue, saying the same priuately as they be vsed and vsed. And for the further encouraging of learning in ye tongues, in the vniuersities of Cambridge & Oxforde, to vse and exercise in their common and open prayer in their chappels (being no parish churches) or other places of prayer, the Psalmes, Litanie, & all other prayers, (The holy Communion commonly called the Masse excepted) prescribed in the said booke, in Greeke, Latin, or Hebrue, any thing in this present act, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also that it shalbe lawful for all men as well in Churches, chappels, Oratories, or other place, to vse openly any Psalmes, or prayer taken out of the Bible, at any due time not letting or omitting thereby the seruice, or any part therof mencioned in the said booke.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctority aforesaid that the bookes concerning the sayd seruices, shall at the costes and charges of the Parishioners of euery Parishe, and Cathedrall Churche, be attayned and gotten before the feast of Penthecost next following, and that all suche Parishes, and Cathedrall Churches, or other places where the sayd bookes shall be attayned and gotten, before the sayde feast of Penthecost, shal within three weekes next after the sayd bookes so attayned & gotten, vse the said Seruice, & put the same in vre according to this acte.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that no person or persons shalbe at any time hereafter impeched, or otherwise molested, of, or for any of ye offences aboue mencioned, hereafter to be committed or done, contrary to this act, vnlesse he or they so offending be therof indicted at the next generall sessions, to be holden before any such Justices of Oyer & determiner, or Justices of assise next after any offence committed or done contrary to the tenour of this acte.

Prouided alwaies & be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al and singuler Lordes of the Parliament, for the thirde offence aboue mencioned, shalbe tried by their Peeres.

Prouyded also, and be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the Mayor of London, and all other Mayors, Bayliffs, and other head officers, of all and singuler Cities, Boroughes,

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and townes corporate within this realme, wales, Calice, and the marches of the same, to the which Justices of Assise do not commonly repaire, shall haue full power & authoritie by vertue of this act, to enquire heare and determine the offences above layd, & euery of them yerely within .vi. dayes after the feast of Easter and Saint Michael the Archangell in like maner and fourme as Justices of Assise and Oyer & determiner may do.

Prouided alwayes & be it ordeyned & enacted by authoritie aforesayd, that all and singuler Archbishoppes and Bishoppes, and euery of their Chauncellors, Commissaries, Archdeacons, and other Ordinaries hauing any peculier Ecclesiastical iurisdictio, shall haue full power & authoritie by vertue of this act, as well to enquire in their visitations, & elles where within their iurisdiction, at any other time and place, to take accusations & informations of al & euery the thinges aboue mencioned, done, comitted, or perpetrate, within the limits of their iurisdictions & authoritie, & to punish the same by admonitio, excommunicatio, sequestratio, or beneuolentia, & other censures & proces in like fourme as heretofore hath bene vsed in like cases by the kinges Ecclesiastical lawes.

Prouided alwayes & be it enacted, that whatsoeuer person offending in the premisses, shall for the first offence receiue punishment of the Ordinary, hauing a testimonial therof, vnder the sayde Ordinaries Seale, that not for the same offence eftsoones be conuicted before the Justices & likewise receiuing for the saide first offence punishment by the Justices, he shall not for the same offence eftsoones receyue punishment of Ordinarie, any thing conteined in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

The .v. Chapter.

An Acte touching the true seruice of Captaines and Souldiours.

Where before this tyme, dyuers of the kynges Maiesties louinge and obedyent subiectes, accordynge to their bounden dueties, haue alligned, appoynted, and sent forthe, as well in the partes beyonde the Seas, and to the Seas, as also into Scotlande and other places, diuers times both within this Realme & without this Realme, many able persons or Souldiours, well furnished with good Horses and Harnesses, meete to serue the kinge in warres, to their greate charges and costes. Yet some of the sayde Souldiours so sent, doe serue contrarie to their sayde Maisters expectation and contrarie to their bounden dueties to the kinges highnesse, haue solde, lost, exchaunged, or altered their Maisters Horse and Harnesse, or otherwyse by deceyte or couyn conuerted the same: By

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meane whereof the kinges highnes hath not onely ben destitute of the
ame souldiors in time of nede, but also the owners of the sayd horses &
gaines who sent thē thither, haue bene vntruely deceyued of their hor-
es and harnesses, being therby lesse able to refurnish other ẏ like soul-
diors with horse and harnesses, at such time as they shalbee thereunto
commaunded by the kinges highnesse. And sometyme the Capitaines
of saith souldiors departed, haue demaunded, had, & taken of the kings
highnes wages for the same souldiors so departed, by meane whereof
the kynges Maiestie hath susteyned and borne great payments, and
yet his maiestie hath not ben truely serued for the same, not a little to ẏ
displeasure of the kyng, and to the great charge of the poore subiectes,
being commaunded to set forth such souldiours. For remedy whereof
be it enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lor-
des Spirituall and Temporal, & the Commons in this present Parli-
ament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of ẏ same, that if any souldior
hereafter, seruing ẏ king in his warres, in any his dominiōs, or on the
seas, or beyond the seas, or in Scotland after the first day of April next
comming, do sel, geue away, or wilfully purloine, or otherwise exchāge,
alter, or put away any horse, gelding or mare, or any harnes wherwith
he shalbe set forth, that then euery such souldior so offending, vpon due
proofe, or testimonie to be taken before the Lieuetenant, high admirall
the kinges deputie, Viceadmiral, Wardein, or Capitaine, and in their
absence before any of their deputies, shall bee imprysoned by the same
Lieutenant, or any other before named, there to remaine without baile
or mainprise, vntil he haue satisfied to ẏ partie, owner of the horse, gel-
ding, mare, or harnes so by him solde, purloined, exchaunged, wilfully lo-
ste, altered, or otherwise made away. And if such souldiour so offen-
ding, fortune to escape from the lieuetenant and other the foresaid per-
sons, without the punishment and restitution aforesayde, that then the
same souldiour vpō complaint made by the partie greued, or his execu-
tors or administrators, vpon due proofe thereof to bee made to any Iu-
stice. or Justices of peace, in ẏ parties where such souldior so offending
shalbe found, shalbe by suche Justice or Justices committed to warde,
there to remaine without baile or mainprise, vntil he haue satisfied the
party greeued, his executors or administrators, of and for such Horses,
Geldings, or Mares, and harnes, so by any such souldior wilfully lost
exchanged, altered, or otherwise purloyned.

Prouided alway, that if the sayd souldior, bring any sufficient war-
raunt or testimony before the sayd Justice from the sayd Lieutenaunt
or any of the persons aboue named of writing vnder the Seale of any
of them, testifying that the same horse or harnes were lost in the kings
seruice, against the will of the sayd souldior, or that the same Horse or
harnes was taken by the same Lieuetenant, or any of thothers before
named, from the said souldior, for any reasonable respect, and appoyn-

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ted to some other, to serue in the place & stede of the said souldiour: that then euery such souldiour, not bringing to the owner the saide Horse & Harnes shalbe discharged therof, against the owner therof. And ẏ the euery such souldiour to whom the sayde horse, or harnes shalbe appointed as is aforesaide, not bringyng home to the owner the sayde horse & harnes after he shalbe discharged, to suffer like paine, as is aforesaid.

And be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid that if any souldiour seruing, as is aforesaid, depart without licence of the Lieutenant, or any of the other aboue named, with bootie, or otherwise beinge in the enemies countrey, or els where in the Kinges seruice, or out of any Garriso, where he or they shalbe appointed to serue, ẏ thẽ euery such souldiour so departing without licence to bee taken & iudged as a felo, & to be executed as in case of felony, without hauing any auãtage of his clergie or Sainctuarie, and that the Justices of euerie Shiere, where any such souldiour shalbe taken, shall haue full power to enquire, heare, & determine, al & euery the said offences, concerning euerie such departure as they do & may in other cases of felony committed in the shiere, where such souldiour shalbe taken.

And be it also further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any commissioner or capitayne to whom the kinge shall directe his commaundemẽt by commission or letters, for the leuying or setting forth of any mã, to serue the King in his warres, shal at any time after the said first day of Aprill, for any gaine, reward, or other lucre, discharge anie pson or psons, by him appointed to serue ẏ king, as a Capitain, Souldior or Pionor, of his seruice so appointed, and do assigne any other pson, or persons in his or their steede, for any lucre or gayne, as is aforesaid that then euery Commissioner or other person so offendinge, shall forfait to the king, for euery such default, of euery mã so discharged, xx. pounde to be leuied of his goodes and cattells.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, ẏ if any Capitaine beinge appoynted to haue the order of any number of souldiours, vnder any other higher officer, do for any cause licence any souldior in his retinue, to depart frõ the field, or fortresse, where they shalbee appointed to serue, wout the especial assent & licence in writing of the lieutenaunt or the others before named, shall forfayt & lose for euery such souldiour, so by him licenced to depart xx. pounde to be leuied, as is aforesayde to the vse of the king.

And be it also enacted, by the auctority aforesaid, that if any Lieutenaunt, or any other before named, hauing the order of anye number of souldiors, seruing, as is aforesaid, vpon the Sea or lande, doe at anye tyme after the sayd first day of Aprill demaunde, receyue, or take of the Kinges highnes, or any of his treasurers any wages for any more souldiors, then serued in such maner and forme as the wages was paid for, or for any mo dayes then such souldiours serued, and do not note ẏ day

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of euery ſouldiors entrie into wages, and daye of his death and departure, and deliuer the ſame to ſuch treaſurers, as ſhall pay the ſayd wages, euery month in writing, ſo as the trueth of the number of the ſouldiors, may appeare to the kinges treaſurer, and Maiſter of the kings muſters for the time being in that behalf, that then euery ſuch lieuetenaunt, and other before named ſo offending, ſhall forfait and loſe to the king for euery ſuch default x. pound, to be leuied as is aforeſayd to the vſe of the king, and to be impriſoned by the ſpace of one month, and to loſe his office.

And be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayd, that no Captaine after the ſayd firſt day of Aprill ſhall geue to any of his ſouldiors, appoynted to ſerue vnder him, in any towne or fortreſſe, kept with garriſons of ſoldiours any licence, or paſſeportes, to depart from his ſeruice, but onely the lieuetenant, or any others as is aforeſaide, vpon paine of impriſonment, aſwel of the Capitayn as ſouldior ſo offending at the diſcretiō of the ſayd lieuetenant, or the others before named.

And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforeſaid, ꝑ euery lieutenaunt, and other before named, vpon the paine of x. pounde, ſhall cauſe to be proclaimed the whole effect & contentes of this act. That is to ſay euery lieutenant of army, in euery field vnder his charge, to proclaime this act euery moneth, and that euery of the kinges deputies of euerie Fortreſſe, & Capitaine of any other fortreſſe, to proclaime this act with in his charge, once euery quarter of a yere.

And alſo be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayd, for the better execution of the premiſſes, that euery perſon or perſonnes, geeuyng to the Lieuetenaunt, or the others aboue named, true information of anye of the offences aboue remembred, ſhall haue for his labour one monethes wages, of him that ſhalbe found faultie, to be payed by the hand of the Treaſurer, vpon warrant of the ſayd lieuetenant, or any of the others aforeſayd.

Prouided alwayes that nothing herein conteined, ſhall in any wiſe extende to touche, or infringe anye orders, eſtabliſhed for the gouernement of Calice, and the Marſhes of the ſame, or any other place of the kinges, nowe gouerned, or hereafter to be gouerned by ꝑ ſame orders, or by ſuch orders as may pleaſe his grace hereafter to ſet forthe for the ſame.

Prouided alwaies, & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaide, that it ſhalbe lawfull to all and euery of the ſayde Lieutenaunts, and other the ſayde perſons to retayne in his or their owne hands, to their owne vſe, of the wages of his, or their ſouldiors, the ſummes following, ꝑ is to ſay, vi. ſhillinges viij. pence for the liuery, or cote of euery yomā ſouldior, and xiij. ſhillings iiij. pence for the liuery or cote of euery gentlemā ſouldior for one whole yere.

Prouyded alwayes, and bee it further ordeyned, and enacted, by

by the auctho̅itie afo̅esaid, that no maner of lieuetenant, o̅ anie other the sayd perſones, ſhall hereafter be charged o̅ pr̃eiudiced by vertue of this acte, o̅ any thing therein conteined, fo̅ lack of his o̅ their number reteigned, as is afo̅esayd, fo̅, o̅ concerning any ſouldio̅, o̅ ſouldio̅s, as ſhall happen to dye during hys ſeruice, o̅ to be ſick by the viſitation of God, o̅ that ſhal depart agaynſt the will of his lieuetenant, o̅ other befo̅e named, vnleſſe it ſhall be in the default of any of them.

Pr̃ouided alwayes, that this acte be not pr̃eiudicial no̅ hurtful to ẏ ſayd Lieuetenant, o̅ any other the ſayd perſons, o̅ any other hauyng vnder them retinue of ſouldio̅s, no̅ anye of them, fo̅ non payment of the kynges wages, to their houſholde ſeruantes and other, to whome they ſhall dayly finde and geue meat & drinke, during the ſaide ſeruice of warre.

Pr̃ouided alway, that this Acte no̅ nothing therein conteyned, ſhal extend to charge any perſon o̅ perſons, fo̅ the takyng o̅ receauyng of any gift o̅ reward, of any of his, o̅ their tenants o̅ frendes, towards the relieſe, ayde, o̅ helpe of the ſame perſons, beyng commaunded by the kinges maieſtie, to ſerue in warres, o̅ otherwiſe to fynde men on horſebacke, o̅ on foote, as wel within this realme, as without. No̅ fo̅ the gift, reward, ayde o̅ helpe, reſerued, o̅ couenaunted to be payd, o̅ geuen to any perſon, appoynted to ſerue in warres, o̅ to fynde horſe o̅ men, to ſerue by reaſon of any graunt, couenant, reſeruation, cuſtome, o̅ tenure.

Pr̃ouided, that this act, no̅ any thing therein conteined, ſhal not extend to charge any lieuetenant, o̅ others aboue named, fo̅ deteyning, o̅ reteinyng any part of any the ſaid ſouldio̅s wages toward, o̅ fo̅ ẏ payment of Vitailes, Harnes, weapons, o̅ fo̅ any pr̃eſt money pr̃ouided and deliuered to any ſuch ſouldio̅,

¶The iij. Chapiter.

¶An Acte touching Purueyours.

THE kinges moſte excellent Maieſtie is pleaſed and contented, by thaduiſe of his hono̅rable Counſaile, at the humble petition, ſuit, and complaint of his louing and obedient ſubiects, that it be enacted by his highnes, with the conſent of the Lo̅des and commons in this pr̃eſent Parliament aſſembled, and by auctho̅itie of the ſame, that fro̅ & after the feaſt of S. Iohn the Baptiſt, whiche ſhall be in the yeare of our Lo̅de GOD, a M. CCCCC. xlix. vntill the ſayd feaſt of Saint Iohn the Baptiſt, which ſhalbe in the yeare of our Lo̅de God M. CCCCC. lii. no̅ Purueyo̅, o̅ Taker, o̅ any other perſon o̅ perſonnes, by auctho̅itie of any commiſſion, o̅ commiſſions, o̅ other writing, o̅ writings heretofo̅e graunted o̅ made, o̅ hereafter to be graunted o̅ made, by the kynges Maieſtie,

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or by any other warrant, letter or auctoritie whatsoeuer, shal puruey or take for the prouision of the kings Maiesties most honorable houshold, or for the prouision of the houlholdes of the kinges Maiesties lyeters, or any other person or persons, any Corne, Graine, Malt, Meale, Calues, Lambes, Kiddes, Hennes, Chekins, Capons, wildfoule, Butter, Cheese, Egges, Beeues, Muttons, Fysshe, Tymber, Woodde, Cole, Straw, Haye, or any other kynde of victailes, without the full assent and consente of the owner or owners of the same, and at such price and prices, for readie money, or money to be payed at such daies and places, as such purueier, taker, or other person or persons, can and shall agree with the owner or owners of the same.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie of this present Parliament, that from and after the feast of Christmas, which shalbee in the yere of our Lord God, M.D.C.xlix. vntil the feast of Christmas which shalbe in the yeare of our Lorde God, M.D.C.lij. no purueior or any other person or persons, by auctoritie of any Commission or commissions, or other writing or writings, heretofore graunted or made, or here after to bee made or graunted by the kinges Maiestie, or by any other warrant, letter, or auctoritie whatsoeuer, shal puruey or take, for any of the kings maiesties affaires, or for any other cause or matter, concerning the warres or otherwise, any goodes, cattels, trees, tymber, or other thinges whatsoeuer (sauing onely barges, shippes, and other vessels, cartes, caryages, and thinges necessarie for cariages) without the assent and full agreements of the owner or owners of the same, and at such price and prices, for ready money, or money to bee paied, at suche dayes & places, as any such purueior, taker, or other person or persons, can, or shall agree with the owner or owners of the same. And if any purueior or taker, or any other person or persons shall after any of the said feastes of Saint John Baptist, & Christmas next comming, procure or attempt, to take or puruey for the kinges Maiestie, or for any other person or persons, any victailes or other thinges whatsoeuer, contrarie to the true meaning of this act. That then such taker, purueyor, or any other such person or persons so offending, shall forfait to the partie or parties greeued, treble the value or values of the thing or things so taken or purueied, & shal also suffer imprisonment by the space of one quarter of a yere, without baile or mainprise, and shall make fine at the kinges will and pleasure: For the which forfaiture the partie or parties greeued, shal haue his remedy by action of debt, information, or otherwise, in any of the kinges Courts of recorde, in which action, suit, or information, no essoine, wager of law, or protection shalbe allowed.

Prouided alwayes, and be it ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that it shal and may be lawful, during the yeres before specified, to any personne or persons, by auctoritie of the kinges Commission or commissions, or by auctoritie of any letter or commission,

tobe directed from the Lord Protectors grace, or from any two of the kinges priuie Counsaile, or from the Master of the Postes, or from any the kinges Lieutenants, generals, deputies, wardens, or any of their deputies in his warres, to take Poste horses or geldinges, for the conueyghing or carying of any person or persons, about the kinges Maiesties affaires, payinge to the owner or owners, of such Poste horses or geldinges, after the rate of one penny for euery myle: any thynge or matter conteyned in this acte, to the contrarie thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And where the kinges Maiestie doth allow for euery cart, carying his graces cariages of housholde two pence for a myle cariage: It is enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that from and after the feast of saint Iohn Baptist next comming, vntil the said feast of Saint Iohn Baptist, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God, a M.D.C.li. there shalbe allowed and payed to the owner or owners of euery such cart, carrying the kinges cariages of his housholde iiii.d. for euery mile cariage. And for the cariages of any other of the kings cariages for the warres or otherwise, during the yeres aforesaid iii.d. for euery mile cariage: any law, vsage, or custome heretofore had or vsed to the cõtrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ The iiii. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte for the Shirifes to haue certeine allowaunces vpon their accomptes.

MOst humbly beseechen the kings most excellent Maiestie, his true and faythfull subiectes, the commons in this present Parlyament assembled. That where in the parlyament begonne at Westminster the vi. day of Ianuarie, in the xxiij. yere of the Raigne of our late soueraigne Lord of famous memory kinge Henry the viii. & by prorogation holden at Westminster the two and twenty day of January, in the xxiiij. yeare of the Raigne of our said late soueraigne Lord, and there continued vntil the twelfe day of May, in the xxxv. yere of the Raigne of the said late king. Vpon dyuerse & sundry considerations, there was enacted and made one act, by thauctority of the same parliament, concerning the accõpt or accomptes of Sherifes, to be made in the Eschequer, as in the same acte more plainely at large is conteygned. And albeit it was ment at the time of the making of the sayde acte, as it may appeare by the wordes of the saide acte, that Sherifes should not be charged vpon theyr accomptes, but onely with such summes of money, as they might lawfully leuie. And also that the said Shirifes should haue allowance, not al onely for such charges and expences, as they should sustayne and beare for their dietes and charges of the Iustices of Assise, but also for

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other necessary charges and expences, by them sustayned, in and about the exercysyng of their said office: Yea neuertheless, the said Sherifes are and haue been, sythen the making of the said acte, more and sorer charged, dread, and troubled then they were before, to the great impouerishment of men of worshyp & Gentlemen within this Realme, that haue been Sherifes, and to it is very like to be, to all such as hereafter shalbe sherifes, if remedy be not prouided in this behalfe. It may therefore please the kinges most excellent Maiestly, that it may be enacted, & ordeyned, with thassent of the Lords spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by auctheritie of the same, that the said former acte, and al clauses and sentences in the same conteyned, shalbe from henceforth clearely frustrate & voide, to all intentes & purposes, other then hereafter in this act shalbe specified.

And that it may be enacted by this present Parliament, that the sherifes which shalbe made from henceforth, within al the shires of England, and also such as haue not made and finished their accompt or accomptes, shall haue such and like tayles of rewarde, and all such other allowances, as they had before the making of the said former acte, or els the same Sherifes which shalbe, or heretofore haue been, to bee at their election and choise to accompt, and all other thinges to doe, according to the aforesaid former act. And that they and euery of them, that so shall accompt, and take no tayle of rewarde, shalbe in, & by all things intreated in the kinges Exchequer, as though the saide former acte, were and should continue in his full strength and effect: any thing before specified notwithstanding. And that the same tayles of rewarde, & euery of them, by force of this present act, without any further warrant or warraunts to be obteined for the same, shalbe leuied or striken at the receipt of the kings Maiesties Exchequer, in due maner & fourme, with such like letter or writinges vpon the saine tailes, and euery of them, as before the making of the said former acte were and haue bene accustomed to be leuyed and striken. And that the same tayles hereafter there to be leuied and striken, shalbee deliuered vnto euery of the same sherifes, or their sufficient attorney for them, without prest or other charge to be set vpon them for the same. And that this act shalbe a sufficient warrant and discharge vnto the Treasorer of England, and al other officers within the saide receipt, for levying, leuying, and deliuery of the said tayles, and euery of them. And further, that all those Sherifes that hereafter shalbe made within those shires of England, whereas no tayles of rewarde heretofore haue bene, by the kings Maiesties most noble progenitors geuen & graunted, and such Sherifes as shal hereafter, take no taile of rewarde, shall in consideration of their great costes, charges, and expences, which they shall beare and sustayne, aswel by the dyetes of the Justices of assises, as by any other meanes, haue vpon the ende of their accomptes, and of euery of them,

ſuch allowaunces, vpon a petition to be made by the ſame ſherifes, or any of them, in a bill to be brought in by the ſame ſherife, and euery of them of their ſaid coſtes and charges, vpon which billes the ſame ſherifes to be ſworne in their owne proper perſons, or by their vnderſherifes, or lawful attorney thereunto admitted, to be true, without warrant or taile, ſuyng for the ſame. And alſo that all ſherifes which hereafter ſhal take no tayle of reward, and euery of them ſhalbe diſcharged vpon their accomptes, of all ſuch fermes, goodes, cattells profites, caſualties, and ſummes of money, which they might or ſhould be charged with vpon their accompts in the ſaid Exchequer, by what title or name ſoeuer they be named, or vpon whatſoeuer perſon or perſons they ſhalbe ſtreated, or out of whatſoeuer lands & tenements they ſhalbe goinge forthe, as they can not leuye nor come by. And that al other Sherifes which hereafter ſhall take any tayle of reward, ſhall in like maner be diſcharged of al ſuch fermes & ſummes of money aforeſaid (except onely of the vicontells of their ſhires, where with they ſhalbe charged and aunſwerable, as they were before the making of the aforeſaid former act.) And alſo the ſame ſherifes of euery ſhire of England, that now be or heretofore haue bene, or that hereafter ſhalbe, and euery of them, ſhal haue plaine deduction and allowaunce in their ſaid accomptes, of all ſuch ſumme and ſummes of money, as they or any of them ſhal make or haue made true petition, of for or concerning ſuch poſſeſſions and hereditaments as be come vnto, or were in the kinges Maieſties hands or any his progenitors, by vnitie of poſſeſſion, or by any meane, out of the which any part or parcel of the aforeſaid bicountels, were at any time heretofore leuiable or leuied. And that the Lord Treaſorer, Chamberlaine, Chauncellor, and Barons of the ſaid Exchequer, or in the abſence of the ſaid Lord Treaſorer, Chamberlaines and Chauncellor, the ſaid Barons ſhal by auctheritie of this act, geue & make allowance, deduction and croneration to euery of the ſaid Sherifes of the ſaid fermes; and of all other thinges without any other warrant.

Prouided alway, that euery of the ſaide Sherifes at his day of preſtion, immediatly after that he or his deputie or attorney, is ſworne to accompt for thiſſues and profits of his office of ſherifwicke, ſhall by himſelf, or by his attorney or deputie ſworne for him, when he ſhal aunſwere before the Lord Treaſorer, Chamberlaines, or Chauncellor, and Barons of the ſaide Exchequer, or in the abſence of the ſaide Lorde Treaſorer, Chamberlaine or Chauncellor, or of any of them: then before ſuch of the ſaid Lord Treaſorer, Chamberlaines, or Chauncellor, and of the ſaid Barons, as then ſhall happen to be preſent in the ſaide court of Exchequer, to bring in and delyuer in the ſaid Court, rolles or Cedules of parchment, conteyning in them truely, without omyſſion or concealment, all ſuch particuler ſummes of money, which he hath leuyed, or lawfully might haue leuied to his wetting or knowledge, with

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in his bayliwike, as part or parcell, aswell of the saide fermes called vicountelles, in the said former acte expressed, as of all other fermes, of what name or title soeuer they be called, beeing streated, written, or otherwise charged to any of the said sherikes, out of the said court of Exchequer, making expresse and distinct mention in the same Rolles or cedules, as nigh as he or they can or may, of what person, and what lads and tenements, and for what cause the same particuler summes of money, & euery of them, be leuied or leuiable. And that after the same rolles or cedules so deliuered, and the particuler summes of money in them conteigned, apperteigning to their proper fermes, laid and rated in the said court, the said Lord Treasorer, Chamberlaines, Chauncellor, and the said Barons, in the absence of the said Treasorer, Chamberlaynes, or Chauncellor, or any of them for the time being, shall haue full power and authoritie by this acte, for the leuying and recouerie of such particelles, belonging to any the saide fermes called vicountelles, or any other fermes, by what name or title soeuer they shalbe called being omitted out of the said rolles or cedules, and for sauing of other the kynges auncient rightes & inheritances, aunswerable in the said Exchequer, which be now wrongfully withdrawen or vniustly withholden from the kinges Maiestie his possessions, and shal haue power and authoritie, from time to time, to award such proces, and vse such conuenient waies and meanes, by commission or otherwise, according to the courts of the said Exchequer, and further as shalbe deuised by their discretion, so that the kinges Maiestie his heires and successors, may bee truely aunswered of the issues and profites of the same: this act or any other statute, acte, ordinaunce, or vse heretofore to the contrary had, made, or vsed, in any wise notwithstanding.

And furthermore, that the saide Treasorer, Chamberlaines, Chauncellor, and Barons of the said Exchequer, or the said Baron, in the absence of the said Treasorer, Chamberlaines, or Chauncellor, or any of them, for the time being, shall haue full power and authoritie by their discretions from time to time, to geeue and allowe vnto all and euerie such Commissioner or Commissioners, as they shall assigne and appoint by their discretion, to enquire of the saide fermes, and other the kings rightes withdrawen, their reasonable costes & charges, as from time to time, to them shal seeme good and conuenient.

¶ The v. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte touching the renuetting of fee fermes, for three yeres.

THe kinges moste excellent Maiestye, of hys moste godlye and vertuous dyspolicion, by the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in thys present Parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, aswell for the aide and

relefe of the poore, in the cities, boroughes, & townes corporate, of thys his Realme of England, and countrey of Wales, as for the execution of other deedes of charitie & common wealth there: Ordeineth and enacteth, that such fee farmes and summes of money, paied for fee farmes, as by any citie, borough, or towne corporat, within thishis realme of England or countrey of Wales, or by the bodies politique or corporate officers or ministers of the same, should or ought to be due & payable to his Maiestie, his heires or successors, during three yeres next ensuing after the xiiij. day of March, in this present yere of our Lord God, M. D. C. xlviii. shall cease & not be due, ne payable to his Maiestie, ne hys heires or successors, by any such citie, borough, ne towne corporate, ne by any the bodies politique or incorporate, of them ne of any of thē, nor by thofficers, inhabitants, & ministers of the same cities, boroughes, or townes corporate, or any of them. And that this present acte shalbee to them & euery of them, and to the successors of euery of them, a sufficient warrant & discharge against his Maiestie, his heires and successors, for the retayning and withholding of the same fee farmes & summes of money, during the said three yeres. And that no processe or other suite shalbe at any time had or awarded against them, or any of them, out of the Exchequer, or any other Court for tharrerages thereof, for, or in any of the saide three yeres.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that atmuch of al and euery such summes of money, as should or ought to be due to the kinges Maiestie, or his heires or successors, by any city, borough, or towne corporate, within England or Wales, or by the bodies politique of the same, or by any the officers or ministers of the same, or any of them, during the said three yeres, which may be gathered and collected of the issues, farmes, or profits, for which the said fee farmes should be paide, in case the same had not bene discharged by this present act, shalbe leuied, collected, gathered, payed, & aunswered, as it should haue bene, if this act had not bene made, to be imployed and bestowed, in & about repairing of walles, bridges, settinge poore people in worke, or other good deedes, in euery such citie, borough, or towne corporate, where the same should so haue ben due, during the said iij. yeres, if this act had not bene made, by the discretion and appointment of such commissioners, as the kinges Maiestie shall particulerly aucthorise & appoint for euery such citie, borough, or towne corporate, in such maner & forme, as the same commissioners shall assigne, limitte, & appoint, or as by such commission shalbe declared or expressed, and not to the kinges Maiestie, his heires or successors, in his highnes Court of Exchequer, or in any other Court or place, to the vse of his Maiestie, his heyres or successors.

And it is further ordeyned and enacted by the aucthority aforesaid, that if any officer or Clerke, of any his graces Courtes, at anye tyme

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within, or after the said iij. yeres, make out or writ any maner of writs or other proces, or any extreates, summons, or other preceptes, whereby any of his said subiectes, or any of the said bodyes corporate, or other before rehearsed, or any of them, shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distreyned, summoned, or otherwise vexed, inquieted, or greeued, in his or their bodies, landes, tenements, goodes, or cattelles, or any of them, for or because of the said fee fermes, discharged for the said three yeres, as is aforesaid, or any part thereof, he so offending shall yelde and pay for recompence thereof to the partie greeued, treble damages & costes of the suit. And neuertheles, all and singuler such writtes, proces, extreates, and preceptes so to be made, for or vpon any maner of thynge, discharged by this act, shalbe vtterly void & of none effect.

Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted, that if the king our soueraigne Lord that now is, or any other of his highnes progenitours, kinges of this Realme, or any of them, haue by his or their letters Patents or otherwise, lawfully graunted to any person or persons, or to any body or bodies, politique or corporate, for lyfe, in fee, or otherwise, any summe or summes of money, for any consideration, or cause whatsoeuer, to be had, paied, taken, or receiued, of any fee farme, or fee fermes, of any such citie, borough, or towne corporate, or of the bodyes politique or corporat aforesaid, or of, or by the officers, inhabitantes, or ministers of the same cities, boroughes, or townes corporate, or any of them, that all suche summe or summes of money, so goinge out or to bee paied, of such fee farme or fee fermes, shalbe yerely paied duringe the saide three yeres, by the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, bodyes politike & corporate, or by the officers, inhabitants, or ministers of the same, to euery such person & persons, that of right ought, by reason of such letters patents, or by any other lawfull meane, as is aboue saide, to haue, take, or receyue such summe or summes of money, going out or to bee taken or payable, of such fee farme or fee fermes, and the king thereof not to bee charged in his Exchequer, ne els where, during the saide three yeares onely. And that euery such person and persons, & body and bodies politique or corporate, that should or ought to haue, any such summe or summes of money, as is before said, during the said iij. yeres, shal haue their remedy for the same, by action of debt, or writt of annuitie, in any of the kinges Courtes of recorde, against euery person and persons, bodies politique or corporate, that ought to pay any such fee farme, or out of the which any such annuitie, rent, or summe of money ought to be paied: any thinge in this acte to the contrary thereof in any wyse notwithstanding.

The vj. Chapiter.

An Acte against the eraction of money, or other thing by any officer, for lycence to trafficke into Iseland.

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Forasmuch, as within these few yeres now last past there hath been leuied, perceyued, and taken, by certeine of the officers of the Admiraltie, of such Merchaunts and Fishermen, as haue vsed and practised the aduentures and iourneis into Iselande, Newfounde lande, Irelande, and other places commodyous for Fishinge, and the getting of Fish in and vpon the seas or otherwise, by way of Merchaunres in those partyes, dyuers great exactions, as summes of money, doles, or shares of Fyshe and such other like thinges, to the great discouragement and hynderaunce of the same Marchauntes, and Fishermen, and to no little dāmage to the whole cōmon wealth. And whereof also great complaints haue bene made, and informations also yerely to the kinges Maiesties most honorable counsaile. For reformation whereof, and to thintent also, that the said Merchantes and Fishermen, may haue occasion the rather to practise and vse the same trade of Merchandize and fishing, freely without any suche charges or exactions, as is before limytted, whereby it is to be thought that more pleintie of fish shal come into this Realme, and thereby to haue the same at more reasonable prices.

Be it therefore enacted by the king our soueraigne Lord, & the lordes and commons in this present Parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that neyther the Admiral, nor any officer or mynister, officers or ministers of the Admiraltie for the time being, shall in anye wise hereafter exact, receyue, or take by himselfe, his seruant, deputie, seruaunts or deputies of any such Merchant or fisherman, any summe or summes of money, doles, or shares of fishe, or any other reward, benefit, or aduātage whatsoeuer it be, for any licence to passe this realme to the said voyages or any of them. Nor vpon any respect concerning the said voyages, nor any of them, vpon paine to forfait for the first offeute treble the summe, or treble the value of the reward, benefit or aduantage, that any such officer or minister shall hereafter haue or take, of any such Merchant or fisherman. For the which forfaiture the party greeued, and euery other person or persons whatsoeuer he or they bee, shall and may sue for the same, by information, bill, plaint, or action of debt, in any of the kinges Courtes of Recorde, the kinge to haue thone moitie, & the partie complayning thother moitie: in which suit no essoin protection, or wager of law shalbe allowed. And for the second offence, the partie so offending, not onely to lose and forfait his or their office or offices in the Admiralty, but also to make fine & raunsome at the kings will and pleasure.

The vij. Chapiter.

An Act against the craftie and deceiptfull buying of Pencions.

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The kinges moſt excellent Maieſtie, the Lordes and commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, vnderſtanding that dyuers perſons, ſeeking vnhoneſt and filthy gaine, without reſpect, either of God or due regarde to the kinges Maieſtie, by ſundry attemptes and practiſes, haue not only extorted diuers ſummes of money, of dyuers the kinges louing ſubiectes, hauing pencions by the kinges letters patentes, but alſo with ſlanderous wordes towardes the kinges Maieſties officers, and aſmuch as in them lyeth, impeaching the kinges proceedinges, haue (for little money or none, or other thing geuen to ſome of the ſaid penciones, ſupplanting them) bought of dyuers penciouers their pēcions, had by ſuch patentees, being their reliefe to lyue by, to their vtter vndoing. Be it enacted by the kinge our ſoueraigne Lord, the Lordes ſpiritual & temporal, and the commons in this preſent Parlyament aſſembled, and by aucthoritie of the ſame, that al and euery perſon and perſons, that at any tyme heretofore, ſince the firſt Seſſion of the parlyament holden at weſtminſter, in the firſt yere of the Raigne of our ſaid Soueraigne Lord the kinge that now is, by any fraudulent or deceiptfull waye or meanes, hath or haue gotten or obteygned for money or otherwiſe, any gift, graunt, bargain, or promiſe, of any pencioner or penciones, of his or their ſaide patent or patentes, concerninge his or their ſaid pention graunted or to be graunted, or aſſigned, out of any Mannors, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, that dyd belong or appertaine to any of the late Monaſteries, Priories, religious houſes, colledges, chauntries, guyldes, fraternities, or other poſſeſſions, or by reaſon of the ſame, whych came as well to the poſſeſſion of our Soueraygne Lord the kinge that now is, as to the late kinge of famous memorye, kinge Henry the eyght, by reaſon of diſſolution, attayndor, or ſurrender, and before the laſt day of June next commynge vpon a repayment or lawfull tender of the money, or other thing taken for the ſame for any ſuch pencioner or pencioners, patentee or patentees, made to hym or them, do not deliuer to euery ſuche pencioner and penciones, patentee and patentees, al wel his or their ſaid patent and patentes, as al other writing or writinges, made concerning the ſame pēcion. That then the ſaid gift, graunt, bargaine, and promiſe made of euery ſuche pencion and patent, and euerye of them ſhalbee voide. And alſo that then and from thenceforth, euery ſuch pencioner & patentee, ſhal haue and enioy the pencion by him ſo geeuen, graunted, bargayned ſolde, or promyſed, as though no ſuch gifte, graunt, bargaine, ſale, or promyſe had ben made of his or their ſaid pencion, fee, or annuitie, notwithſtanding any writinges made, ſealed, or deliuered betweene any ſuch parties concerning the ſame.

And for the more true and ſure payment, of all and euery manner of

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person and persons, of, and for their seuerall pencions, fees, and annuities, due & to bee due, to them or to any of them out of the premisses, or any part or parcel thereof, or by reason of the same. Be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that if the receyuor or receyuors or any of them their assignes, deputies, clerkes, or seruants, or the assignes, deputyes, clerkes, or seruantes of any of them, hauing or which shall haue to doe with the payment of any such pencions, fees, and annuityes or of any part or parcel of them, do not at al and euery time and times before the .x. day of June, and the feast of the Purification of our Lady, next immediatly ensuing, euery day and feast, specified in euery suche graunt or payment, for the payment of the saide pencions, fees, and annuityes, vpon a reasonable request therof made to the said receiuor or receyuors their assignes or deputies, assigne or deputie, or to his or their clerkes, or seruants aboue said, by any of the said pencioners or grauntees, or their seuerall deputies, attorneis, or assignes, or by the seueral deputie, atturney, or assigne, of any such pencioner and grauntee, well & truely pay vnto the sayd grauntees, and pencioners, their seueral deputyes, atturneys, or assignes, their pencions, fees, and yerely annuities, to them graunted, and hereafter to be graunted, during their seuerall lyues or otherwise, according to the tenour and effect of their seuerall graumtes to euery of them made, & hereafter to be made, without any further delay, not taking of the said grauntees, pencioners, or of any of them, their deputies, attornies, or assignes, for the payment of any of their said pencions, fees, or annuities, or for the more speedy payment therof to them, or any of them to be made, any other, or more summe or summes of money, or any other thing or profit, but onely for euery pound of euery such pencion, fee, or annuity to them paied iiij. d. and for the acquitance of euery such partie truely paied of his said pencion, fee, or annuitie, if the saide partie, his deputie or deputies, bring and offer to deliuer none ready made iiij. d. and not aboue: that then euery such receyuor or receyuors, their deputie and deputies, clerkes and seruants, as aforesaid, to whom any such reasonable request shalbe made for the payment of the same, as is aforesaid, for euery time that the said office or officers, or his or their deputie or deputies, or his or their clerke or clerkes, hauing to do with the office or offices of such receyuor or officer, as is aforesaid, shal delay or cause to be delayed any the said grauntees, or pencioners, of the payment of their pencions, fees, or annuities, or of any part therof, after the .x. day of June, and the feast of the Purycation of our Lady, as is aforesaide, shall forfait for euery suche delay C. shillinges. And that also euery Treasourer or Treasourers, receiuor or receyuors, officer or officers, or his or their deputie or deputyes, or his or their clerkes, or any of them, as is aforesaide, for euery tyme that they or any of them do exact and take of the said pencioners, grauntees, or any of them, their deputyes, attourneys, or assignes, or of the

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deputie, attorney, or assigne, of any of them, aboue the rates before declared, shall lose and forfait for euery time so exacting and taking, tenne tymes so much as they or any of them shal so exact and take, or cause to be exacted and taken. All which forfaitures shalbe to the partie that shall finde himselfe greeued, if he will sue & demaunde the same within seuen monethes next after the said forfaiture, in any of the kings Maiesties Courts of his Benche, Common place, or Exchequer, by action of debt, by original writte, bill, plaint, or information, in which suit no essoine, protection, nor wager of lawe shalbee allowed or admytted for the defendant.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the kinges Justices of Assise, and of Oier and Determiner, in their seueral circuits and the Justices of peace in euery countie, within this realme of Englande and Wales, at their generall Sessions, shal haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, to enquire, heare, and determine, all and all maner of offences hereafter to bee done and committed contrarie to the tenor of this acte, aswell by information, as by presentment of xij. men, and shall haue full power and auctoritie to awarde proces vpon euery presentment or information had before them, or two of them, whereof the one to be of the Quorum, of al and eury offence and offences done and committed, contrarie to the tenor of this acte, as in case vpon Indictment of trespas.

Prouided alway, that if any such pencioner, or grauntee, doe not make request in proper person, for payment of his or their saide pencion or annuitie, as is aforesaide, but doth require the same by his deputie, attorney, or assigne, that then yf such deputie, attorney, or assigne do not bringe with him a letter subscribed, with the hands of one Justice of the peace of the same shire, where the same pencioner or grauntee is dwelling, or els of the Surueyor of the same shire for the time beinge, witnessing the same pencioner or grauntee to be then lyuing, that then the said receyuor, and all other officer and officers, their deputies, clerkes, or seruantes, to whom request by any deputie, attorney or assigne of any of such pencioner or grauntee shalbe made, as is aforesaid, shall not be bound to pay any such summe of money, to any deputie, attorney or assigne, of any such pencioner or patentee, by vertue of this acte, nor for none payment thereof, shall incurre the daunger of any peine or forfayture before mencioned: Any matter or thing before expressed to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouyded alway, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that this acte, nor any thinge therein conteyned, shall not extend to restraine any such receyuor or receyuors, or other officer or officers, as is aforesaide, but they and euery of them shall and may paye or cause to be payed to any of the said pencioners, patentees, or graunteees their said pentions, fees, and annuities quarterly, according to the

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tenor & effect, of their said patentes or grauntes, as they haue herete-
fore done, any thing herein to the contrarie thereof notwithstanding.

¶ The viij. Chapiter.

¶ An act, touching the finding of Offices, before the Exchetour.

WHere many and dyuers persons holdinge, or that haue holden landes, tenements, or hereditaments, some for terme of yeres, and some by copy of court Rolle, haue bene expulsed, and put out of their termes and holdes, by reason of Inquisicions or offices founden before Exchetors, Commissioners, and other, conteynynge tenures of the kinge in Capite, entitlyng the kinge to the wardshippe or custodie of suche landes or tenementes, and some tyme entitlynge the kinge to the same, vpon attaynders of Treason, felony, or otherwise, by reason that such leases for terme of yeares, or interest by copy of Court Rolle, of such persons haue not bene found in suche inquisicions or offices: after which expulsion or puttinge out, the said persons haue bene without remedy, for the obtayninge of the said fermes and holdes, duringe the kings possession therein, and can haue no trauerse, Monstrance de droit, ne other remedy for the same, because their said interest is but a chattel in the lawe or customary holde, and no estate of freeholde. And also, where any person or persons, hath any rent, common, office, fee, or other profite Apprendre, of any state of freeholde, or for yeares or otherwise, out of such landes or tenements specifyed in such offices or inquisicions, the said rent, common, office, fee, or profite Apprendre, not founde in the same office or offices, such persons are in lyke maner without remedy, to obteyne or haue the sayde rent, common, office, fee, or profite Apprendre, by any trauerse, or other spedy meane, without great and excesse charges, during the kings interest therein, by force of such inquisicion or office.

For remedy whereof, be it enacted by auctho̅itie of this p̅sent parliament, that where any such office or inquisicion is, or shalbe founden, emitting such tytles, interestes, or matters, as is aforesaide, that in all such cases, euery lessee, tenaunt for terme of yeares, or copy holder, and euery such person or persons, that haue or shall haue, any interest, in any rent, common, or profite Apprendre, for terme of yeres, life, or otherwise, out of any of the landes, tenements, or hereditaments conteyned in such office or inquisition, where the king, his heires or successors, is or shalbe intitled, as is aforesaide, to any such landes, tenements, or hereditaments, shal haue holde, enioy, and perceyue, all and euery their leasses and interestes for terme of yeres, or by copie of court roll, rents, commons, offices, fees, & profite Apprendre, in such maner, forme, state, and condicion, as they and euery of them should or might haue done, in case there had bene no such office or inquisicion founden, and as they should, or lawfully might, or ought to haue done, in case suche leas-

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interest by copy of court rolle, rent, commen, office, fee or profite apprendre had ben founden in such office, or inquisition, anye lawe, custome, or vsage to the contrary, herevnder vsed in such cases, in any wise notwithstanding. And also, where it is, or shalbe founden for the king, his heires or successors, that the heire or heires of his tenant, or tenauntes is or shalbe within age, whereas deede such heire or heires, is, or shalbe at the same time of full age, or of a more or greater age then is or shalbe contened within such office: or

Be it further enacted by the authorities aforesaid, that in euery suche case, such heire and heires, shall and maye at hys or their verie full age, after, prosecute a writt of Ester probanda, and sue his or their liuery, as of fre land, as his or their cases shall aye, and haue the profyts of his or their landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, from the time of his or their very full age, any such vntrue office or inquisition, or any lawe or custome to y contrary in any wise notwithstading. Also, where one p[er]son or more, is or shalbe founden heire to the kings tenant, by office or inquisition, where any other person is, or shalbe heire, or if one person or more, is or shalbe founden heire by office, or inquisition, in one county, & another person or persons is or shalbe founde heire to the same person in another county, or if any p[er]son be, or shalbe vntruely founden lunatique, idiot or dead: Be it enacted by y authorities aforesayd, that euery person and persons greued, or to be greued by any such office or inquisitiō, shall & may haue his or their trauers to the same, imediatly, or after, at his or their pleasure, & p[ro]tende to trial therein, and haue like remedy and aduantage as in other cases of trauers vpon vntrue inquisitions or offices founden, any lawe, vsage or custome to the contrarye in anye wise not withstanding. Also, where it is or shall bee hereafter vntruely founden by office or inquisitiō, that any person or persons atteynted, or that shalbe acquitted of treasō, felony, or p[re]munire, is, or shalbe seased of any landes, tenementes, or hereditaments, at any time of such treason, felony or offēce, cōmitted or done, or any time after, whereunto another person or persons hath, or shal haue, any iuste title or interest of any estate of free hold, that then in euery such case, euerie person & persons greued thereby, shall haue his or their trauers, or Monstraunce de droit to the same; without beinge dryuen to any peticion of right, and like remedy and restitution vpon his or their title, founde, or iudged for him or them therein as hath ben accustomed and vsed in other cases of trauers, although the Kinges maiestie, his heires or successours, be, or shalbe, in such case entitled to any such landes, tenements, or hereditamentes, by double matter of Record, any lawe, custome or vsage to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

And further bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that where any inquisition or office, is or shalbe founden by these woordes, or lyke.

Quod de quo vel de quibus, tenementa predicta tenentur iurat prædict ignorant, or elis founden holde of ꝑ king, Per que seruic. ignorãt, or suche like that in such case, such Tenure so vncerteinly founden, De quo vel de quibus tenementa predict tenentur ignorant, shall not be taken for any immediate tenure of the king, nor such tenure so foũde of the king. Per que seruic. ignorant, shal not be taken any Tenure in Capite, but in such cases, a melius inquirendum, to bee awarded as hath bene accustomed in olde time, any vsage of latter time to the contrary notwithstãding.

And be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that where it is or shalbe founden by any office, or inquisition, that any landes, tenements or hereditaments, are, or shalbe discended, remayned, or cõmen to any heire within age, and in the king's ward, or that ought to be in the kinges warde, and that suche Landes, Tenementes or Hereditamentes, are holden of the king immediatly where in dede the same are or shalbe holden of some other common person, & not of the king immediatelye: that in such case such heire or heires, shall and may haue their trauerse to the same within age, and lyke remedye and restitution vpon his or their title founden or iudged for him or them therein, as hath bene accustomed and vsed in other cases of trauerses, any lawe, vsage or custome to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Also where the kynges Maiestie by his Prerogatiue, ought to haue as well suche Landes and tenements as be holden of other persons as holden of him selfe immediatly, whereof his tenaunt holding of hym in chiefe, dyeth seysed his heire beinge within age, vntill suche time as liuerie be sued by suche heire, and that the meane Lordes, of whom the sayde other landes and tenementes of such heire be holden, vsed to spare the rents due to them for the same landes or tenements holden of them, duryng the kings possession. And when such heire hath sued, his or their liuery they vse by distresse, or otherwise to compell the sayde heire to paye to them the arrerages of such rentes, for suche tyme as the sayd Landes or tenementes, were in the kinges possession by suche minoritie, where they shoulde haue sued by petition to the kinges Maiestie to haue obteyned the same out of the kinges handes, if they would haue the same which is to the great detriment, losse, and hinderance of such heire and heires: For redresse whereof, be it enacted by the aucthority of this present Parliament, that from henceforth such meane Lords during such minoritie shall haue, receiue and take the saide rentes, by the handes of such the kings Officers as shalbe appointed to haue, receyue and take the issues, reuenues, and profites of the same landes and tenements so holden of suche meane Lords, during the minoritie and nonage of such heire and heires, and vntill suche heire and heires sue hys or their liuerie, and that suche Heire and Heires vntill suche tyme as he or they shall haue sued their liuery, or might conueniently haue sued their liuery shalbe thereof clerely discharged. And that such Officer or Officers

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all vpon request made vnto the same, to such meane Lordes (they geving to such officer and officers a sufficient acquitaunce or acquitaunces, for the receipt of the same.) And that such payment therof made, with acquitance, or acquitaunces thereof shewed, shalbee to such officers a sufficient discharge against the kinges maiestie, and hys heires, vpon his or their accompte in that behalfe, any lawe, vsage, or custome heretofore had, or vsed to the contrarie hereof, in anye wyse notwythstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and it is enacted by the authoritie aforesaid that this act, or any thing therein contained, shall not in any wise extend to any inquisition or office taken or founden at any time before the xx. day of March next comming, nor to hinder, preiudice, or take away any title, interest, or possession of our soueraigne Lorde the kinge, or of any other person or persons, growen, or comen by vertue, meane or occasion of any inquisition or office taken or found, before the same day, but that as well our said soueraigne Lorde the kinge, as all other person or persones, shall may haue, holde, and enioy the same in like maner and fourme, as though this acte had neuer been had, or made, any thing in the same act to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

Prouided also, and it is enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that in all such cases as any person or persones shalbe enabled by this act to haue any trauerse, and shal pursue his or their trauerse, that then he or they that shall pursue such trauerse, shall sue one writte, or seuerall writtes of Scirefacias (as the case shall require) against all & singuler such person and persones as shall haue interest by the king, or by his patenter or patentees, in like maner & fourme as is requisit, vpon trauerses or petitions heretofore pursued. And that in euerie such Scirefacias, the patentees or other defendaunts shal haue like pleas, and aduantages as they had in any Scirefacias, before this time attached against any patentee in any case of petition. And also, that euery trauerse that shalbee pursued by vertue or meane of this acte in such case by the partie or parties that shall pursue any such trauerse shoulde by order of the common lawes of this Realme haue been put to the king, there shalbee two writtes of Tearthe graunted in maner and fourme, as like writtes haue been graunted vpon petitions made to the king.

Prouided also, and it is enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that after any iudgement shalbee geuen vpon any trauerse, that shall be pleaded, or found by vertue or meane of this acte, it shall appeare by any matter of Recorde that the kinge hath any other former title, right, interest to the manours, Landes, Tenementes, or other hereditamentes mencioned in the same trauerse, that then the same title, right,

and interest shalbe taxed by y^e king, the said Comerle & iudgemēt therupon geuen, any wille not withstanding.

xxvi. Chapter.

An Acte for the true currying of Leather.

ALbeit diuers good and wholsome lawes & statutes haue bene heretofore made, and deuised for the true tanning, currying and working of lether, yet through the couetise of tanners in ouerhastyng their worke by diuers fayre & crafty meanes, by negligence of Searchers, and Collusion of the Curriers, there diuers false artifices, were auctholised to trie y^e Leather, & by the lenger worke manship of the Coldwasmers, y^e kinges Subiectes, are not onely in their goodes, but also in the health of their bodies much endamaged by occasion of euill shoes, and Bootes made of euill leather. Wherefore any maner of persone offendyng after to defraud the intent of good lawes, to lawes and statutes against such guile, to the more reuerence day by day, for the increasyng of the same. Be it therefore enacted, by auctthoritie of this present Parliament, that the actes made in the xix. yeare of the late king of famous memory Henry the viij. and in the xxiij. yeare of the most notable and victorious king Henry the viij. and all other Actes and statutes heretofore made concerning tanners, Curriers & Coldwarners shall stande in their force and effect, according to the entent of the same in all thinges not altered by y^e repeale hereafter.

And be it further enacted by the auctthoritie aforesaide, that no persone occupying the feate of tanning, a Currier, Coldwarner, cooler, Cobler, girdler, lethertreller, bottelmaker, or any other artificer, shall from y^e feaste of Christmas next comming, sell, or cause to be sold, or put to sale any barres of hides of any English kinde of tanned leather vnwrought, or of lether and as he shall buy the same (Curriers tanned leather vpon paine of forfeiting for euery hide, barre or parell of leather y^e sum of vi s. viij d. contrary to y^e true meaning of this statute, y^e one halfe to y^e vse of our Soueraigne lord the king, and the other halfe to the vse of the Informer, that sue for the same in any of the Courtes of Record within this realme by bill, plaint or information, wherein no essoine, protection or wager of law shall be allowed.

And be it further enacted by the auctthoritie aforesaide, that no Currier, or other person occupying the feate of tanning or currying, shall put to sale any leather vnwrought, curried or dressed, being bought, sold, or vttered, vpon paine of forfeiture of the leather so sold.

And be it further enacted, that no person or persones, bodies politique or corporate, the mystery or occupation of Coldwarners, shall after the feaste of Easter next, make, or cause to be made any Bootes, shoes, startopes, or buskins of leather, but suche as shall bee made of good and sufficient tanned leather, and well and truely curried after this acte and shall vse no other, but white leather, as shall serue such as should holde out white and by no other

shall vpon requeste made, pay the same to such meane Lordes (they geuing to such officer and officers, a sufficient acquitaunce or acquitaunces, for the receipt of the same.) And that suche payment therof made, with acquitance, or acquitaunces therof shewed, shalbee to suche officers a sufficient discharge against the kinges maiestie, and hys heires, vpon his or their accompte in that behalfe, any lawe, vsage, or custome heretofore had, or vsed to the contrarie hereof, in anye wyse notwythstanding.

Prouided always, and it is enacted by the auctho[illegible] aforesaide, that this act, or any thing therein conteined, shall not in any wise extende to any inquisition or office taken or founden at any time before the xx. day of March next comming, nor to hinder, prejudice, or take away any title interest, or possession of any soueraigne Lorde the kinge, or of any other person or persons, growen, or cõmen by vertue, meane or occasiõ of any inquisition or office take or found, before the same day, but that as well our said soueraigne Lorde the kinge, as all other person or persones, hauing any title interest, or possessiõ, by vertue, meane or occasiõ of any inquisition or office found before the same day, shal, as may haue, holde, and enioy the same in like maner and fourme, as though this acte had neuer ben had or made, any thing in the same act to the cõtrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and it is enacted by the auctho[illegible] aforesaide, that in all suche cases as any person or persones shalbe enhabled by this act to haue any trauerse, and shal pursue his or their trauerse, that then he or they that shall pursue suche trauerse, shall sue one writte, or seuerall writtes of Scire facias (as the case shall require) against all & singuler suche person and persones as shall haue interest by the king, or by his patentee or patentees, in like maner & fourme as is requisit, vpon trauerses, or petitions heretofore pursued. And that in euerie such Scire facias, the partees, or other defendaunces shal haue like pleas, and allowaunce as ever had in any Scire facias before this time awarded against anye patentee in any case of petition. And also, vpon euery trauerse that shalbee pursued by vertue or meane of thys acte in such cases as the partie or parties that shall pursue any suche traunerse shoulde by the order of the common lawes of this Realme haue bene put to sue by petition to the king, there shalbee two writtes of Scire facias granted in maner and fourme, as like writtes haue been graunted vpon petitions made to the king.

Prouided also, and it is enacted by the auctho[illegible] aforesaide, that if after any iudgement shalbee giuen vpon any traunerse, that shall be founde, or found by vertue or meane of this acte, it shall appeare by any matter of Recorde, that the kinge hath any other former title, rights, or interest to the manours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes mentioned in the same traunerse, that then the same title, right,

and interest shalbe taxed to the king, the said traverse & iudgement thereupon geuen, any vsage notwithstanding.

The xi. Chapter.

An Acte for the true currying of Leather.

ALbeit diuers good and wholsome lawes & statutes haue bene heretofore made, and deuised for the true tawing, currying and working of leather, yet through the coueitous of tanners in ouerchaunging their woorke by diuers subtile & crafty meanes, by negligence of Searchers, and Collusion of the Carriers, that by diuers such statutes, were authorised to trie & fall leather, & by the sleight workemanship of the Coldwoorkers, & kinges Subiectes, are not onely in their goodes, but also in the health of their bodies, much endamaged by occasion of euill shoes, and Bootes made of euill leather. Therefore as the matter of mans euerlasting health is to be had in the extent of good lawes, so lawes must rise against such guile, as the more rancorous day by day, for the due repulse of the same. Be it therefore enacted, by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the actes made in the vi. yeare of the late king of famous memory Henry the viij. and in the xxiij. yeare of the most noble and victorious king Henry the viij. and all other Actes and statutes heretofore made concerning tanners, Carriers & Cordewayners shall stande in their force and effect, accordinge to the tenour of the same in all thinges not altered nor repealed heretofore.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie afore said, that no person occupying the feate or mistery of a curriar, cordwayner, cobler, sadler, girdler, leatherseller, bottelmaker, or any other artificer, shall from & after the feast of Christmas next comming sell, or cause to be sold or put to sale any hides or sides of any English kinde of tanned leather vnwrought, or in such kind as he shal buy the same (Calues fannes only except) vpon paine of forfeiting for euery hide, backe or parcel of leather he shall so sell contrary to this statute v. shillings.

And be it further enacted, that no person other then such as shall occupie the feate or mistery of a curriar, shall put to sale any manner leather curried or blacked, being vndersoughe, vnwrought, vpon paine of forfeiture of the leather so sold.

And be it likewise enacted, that no person or persons hereby accepted the mistery or occupation of Cordwayners, shall after the last feast of Easter, be entitled to be made any Bootes, shoes, startups, or buskins of Leather, but such as shall be made of good and sufficient tanned Vsagher, and well and truely sowed after this rate and sort, that is to say, vppers of leather, as that which should holde out weather and be

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there, as it behoued such to be: And that the saide Cordewayners and euery of their shall put in thinner sole of the sayde double soled shoes, boores, startupps & slippers, leather called the wombe, wel and sufficiently tanned, and in the rere wheels of the double soled shoes, the flanke of the hide of neate sufficiently curried.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, for the true execution hereof, that the Mayor of the Citie of London, and the Aldermen of the same, for the time being, shal yerely appoint fower Serchers, and one other more, by his or their discretion, to be sworne before the said Mayor and Aldermen for the time being, to do their office truelye, which shal by vertue of this act, fower times in the yere at the least: that is to say: once euery quarter, and oftener if neede require, make true search and view in all and euery house and houses, place and places, as well within the said Citie and the suburbes thereof, as in euerie other place within iij. miles compasse of the sayd Citie, where any Tanner, Currier, Shomaker or Cobler doth, or shall dwell and occupie any of the sayd occupations, for al & euery bootes, startuppes, shoes and other thinges appertaining to the craft or misterie of Shoemakers or Cobblers, made or wrought contrary to the purport of this Statute, and also for al maner of Leather and other thinges appertaining to the craft or occupation of Curriers and Tanners, not well & sufficiently curried & tanned, according to the meaning of this acte. And that al other Mayors, Bailifes, and other head officers, in all other Cities, Boroughes, and Market townes of this Realme, out of the circuit, and compasse of the said iij. miles, shall upon paine of xl. pounde euery yeare that they make default herein, appoint & chuse yerely iij. or mo persones of the best skilled men within their offices, by their discretion to search and view within the precinct of their Cities, Boroughs, and townes, which shal fower times in the yeare at the least, that is to wite, one euery quarter of a yeare, make true searche within their limites, & shall haue a marke or seale prepared for that purpose, as is about limitted to bee in London and the suburbes of the same. And that the same searchers of one of them shall their selues keepe the sayde seale or marke, and when the same shall seale or marke leather as they shall finde sufficient, the same searchers to haue for their labour, according as is limitted in the Statute made for the search, triall, and marking of the leather, in the yeare of king Henry the eight.

Prouided alwaies, that no leather beynge once searched and sealed or marked as before sayd, shall be charged againe with any other seale or searche. And if the said searchers or any of them, do finde any leather false or offered to be false, or brought to be searched or marked insufficiently tanned, or any leather not sufficiently curied, or any shulle made of such leather, it shalbe lawful for the said searchers or any of them, to seaze the same leather and shulle made of leather, as forfeyted, and to retaine

the same in their custody, till the same be tried before the Maior, Bayliffes, and other head officers of euery Citie, Borough, or towne where such seazure shall happen to be made, the same triall to be made by fiue expert men at the appointment of the sayd head officers, and two of the Aldermen of the said cities, boroughs, and townes, vppon the othes of the sayd triers.

And also be it further enacted by thauctheritie aforesaid, that if anie person will wilfully withstand or deny any such search to be made according to the tenor of this acte as is aforesaide, or will not suffer the said Searchers so sworne and appointed to search, to enter into his or their house or houses, or other places, where such euil made shoes, bootes and other the premisses, or any lether, deceiptfully and falsely tãned, or curried, is or shalbe suspected or knowen to be, that thẽ euery such person or persons so denying and withstanding, & not sufferinge the saide searchers so sworne and appointed for the time being, to enter & make searche, shall lose and forfeit for euery time so denying & withstanding, x. pounde.

And further be it enacted by the auctheritie aforesayd, that if the persons so to be assigned for the searche as is aforesayde, will doe, or make default in their searche, and not searche iiij. tymes in the yeare, as is aforesaid, except they be letted by some lawfull impediment, or do allow or seale, or cause to be sealed any Lether or stuffe, vnsufficiently tanned curried, or wrought, or do conceale any faults found in their search, that they and euery of them that shall make default in search, or allow that is vnsufficient, or conceale defaultes founden, shall forfeit and lose x. li. for euery such default, allowance or concealement, wittingly done, and so proued sufficiently against them.

Prouided alwaies that it shalbe lawful to euery Cordwainer or shoemaker not onely within the said city of London, but eis where within this realme of England, to make all maner of shoes, bootes, slippers, & other necessaries for Dukes, Earles, Lords, knightes, ladies, esquiers gentlemen, and gentlewomen, of such lether, and other thinges appertayning to their faculties, as their pleasure is to haue thẽ made for them money, & to all other persons as they shall bespeake them.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauctheritie aforesaid, that they nor any of them shall not sell any shoes or bootes of bay lether betwene the last day of September, and y first day of May, but to such persone as shalbe bespeake them.

And forasmuch as by carying & conueyghing of leather ouer the sea, leather is growen into such vnreasonable price, that the cõmons of this realme cãnot now haue for their pẽes, that they might in times past haue had for vi. d. Be it therefore enacted by thauctheritie aforesayde that all and euery person and persons, that from and after the first day of June next comming, shall ship any backe, or hides or other leather, or

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hides tanned vnlettanned into ꝑ parties of beyond the sea, shall pay for every dicquen of lether, called backes or hides, or other leather, or rawe hides treble custome.

Prouided alwaies that this act shal not extend to any licence alredie graunted, for carying or conueying any lether ouer the sea, but that euery person which hath alredy obteined any such licence, may ship and carry the same, paying such customes as they might before the makinge of this acte. And that no Shomaker, Currier, or other person, to his or their owne vse, (except tanners) shal buy any hide in the here vntanned to put the same to tanning, vpon paine to forfait for euery such hide, vi. pence.

And be it further enacted, that euery tanner from henceforth shal cut euery woumbe of euery Oxe hide, vi. inches brode, of euery Steere hide v. inches brode, and of euery Cowhide viii inches brode at assise, in ꝑ narrowest place of the which Oxehide, Steere hide, or Cowhide, that shalbe tanned for and in the kinde of sole lether, vpon paine of forfeiture for euery woumbe cut lesse then so many inches brode of assise, as is aboue appointed. And that no maner of tanner shall cut any hide for a back, but such as shalbe sufficient and wel lethered, vpō paine of forfeiture of the same backe or backes, not being sufficient and wel lethered. And that no Currier which shal occupy the occupatiō of currying, shall hereafter refuse to curry any lether brought vnto him red, by any coddwainer or other artificer that occupieth any tāned Lether in his occupatiō, with tenst to be curried vpō reasonable agremēt for his paines, ꝑ same to be deliuered well and sufficiently curried to the owner therof, within xxiii daies, al which forfeitures of sūmes of money aforesaid, shalbe deuided into three equal parts, one part therof shalbe to ꝑ vse of our soueraigne Lord the king, and an other part to him or them, that shal sue for the same, and the third part therof shalbe to the vse of the Citie, borough or towne, where the offence shalbe committed & done.

And be it further enacted, that it shalbe lawful for euery mā to sue for the same forfeitures of sommes of money, in any Court or Courtes of Recorde, by bill, playnt, action of debt, information or otherwise: In which sute no essoine, wager of law or protection shall bee admytted or alowed. And all such hootes, shoes, & leather as, shall be founde vnsufficiently wrought, tanned or curried and declared by this acte to be forfeited, shall be sealed by the sayde searchers, or any other person finding the faulte therof, and the same stuffe forfeited, shall bee distributed as hereafter ensueth, that is to say, such stuffe so sealed, within the said Citie of London, or within three myles compasse of the same, to bee brought to the Guild hall in London, there to bee deuyded into three partes, whereof one parte to be to the first seasor of the sayd vnlawfull stuffe, and the other two partes to bee distributed to the poore folkes, as well beying within ꝑ new hospitall of S. Bartholomews in London

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as to suche poore housholders, as shall be inhabiting within the Citye of London, or the circuit aforesayde at the discretion of suche persones as the Maior of the said citie and iiij. Aldermen of the same, for the tyme beying, shall appoint for the same. And that all such bootes, shoes, and leather, as shall be found within their Citie, Borough, or towne within this realme, out of the said iii. miles compasse, vnsufficiently wrought, tanned or coloured, as is aforesaid, shalbe seazed and taken as forfaited, & brought to the cõmon hall of euery such Citie, Borough, or towne and other conuenient and open place, and two partes thereof to bee disposed to the poore, & in other deedes of charitie in those partes, after the discretion of the Mayors, Baylifes, hedboroughs, and ij. other Aldermen of the same Citie, Borough or towne. And where no such officers bee, then the same to be done by a Justice of peace next adioyning, and by the Constables of the towne or village where such seazure is, or shalbe made & the said searchers, or first seazor to haue the third part of such forfeyture for their paine.

Prouided alwaies & be it enacted, that no such vnlawfull leather so forfeited, be conuerted to any bootes or shoes, to bee put to sale againe, vpon paine euery person that so shal cõuert the same, to forfeit the same stuffe, & vi.s. viii.d. ouer for euery time so doing & offending.

Prouided alwaies, & be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that it shalbe lawfull to all Cordwayners, Shomakers and Coblers, aboue mencioned, for the better auoyding of the paine aboue said, on them appointed, in case they shoulde make or sell any bootes or shoes of leather not sufficiently curried, frõ hereforth to curry & dresse by their selues or their seruants, all such leather as they or any of them shall cõuert into bootes, slippers, or other thinges appertaining to the mistery of Cordwainers or coblers, & none other, the statute in the xix. yere of the king of famous memory Henry the viii heretofore made to the contrary hereof notwithstanding. And for the better execution of this present acte, be it enacted that all Justices of Assise, Justices of gaole deliuery, Justices of peace, and stewards of leetes, leetes and law dayes, within their seuerall precinct, & Maiors of London for the time being within the said iii. miles, & al other Maiors, bailifes and other head officers of Cities, Boroughs and townes within their seuerall precinct but of the said circuit & compasse of iii. miles shall enquire of all the promisses in their sessions, lete, or lawdayes, and heare and determine the same, and also by their discretion examine all persons supposed to offend this acte, or any part thereof.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted, that the Girdlers of this realme may sell their neebes, wombes, and shredds of tanned leather to any person or persones, without any forfeyt, paine or penalty to be yeelded for the same, any thing conteined in the same, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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boulded alwaies, shall it shall bee lawfull for all maner of Shomakers, coblers, cablers, Girdlers, Bogedmakers, and al other artificers ing leather in their arte, to buy al kind of tanned leather, beyng such as is aforesaid, to be conuerted to any thing belōging only to their occupation, at Leaden hall in London, vpō euery Friday in the yere, ough neither the buyer nor seller be free of the said citie of London without incurring any penaltie or danger for ỳ same, any thing in this acte conteined, or any other thyng or things, to the cōtrary hereof notwithstanding.

Prouided also ỳ no person nor persons shalbe molested, sued, or vexed for any forfeiture or penaltie compassed within this act, except the same be commenced within one yere after the offence committed.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted that this act, or any thing therein conteined, shall not in any wise extende to be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any Lord or Lords, person or persons, bodies politike and corporate or any of them, their heires or successours, or the heires or successours of any of them, touching any Faire or market, Scale, Seuerche, liberties, priuiledge, profite, commodity, forfeiture, fines, or emoluments whatsoeuer, or any of them haue or ought to haue by any lawful entrie or title before the commencement and beginning of this present statute, but that they ỳ enioye of them, may and shall haue, enioy, perceiue and receyue all ỳ singuler their Faires, markets, scale, seuerches, liberties, priuiledges, profites, commodities, forfeitures and fines, rising comming, and growing by reason of this act, any clause, article, or sentence in this present acte of statute, to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaies that this act extende not to any graunt or licence made by the Kyng or Queenes Maiestie, since the beginning of this present Parliament.

¶ The xvi. Chapter.

¶ An Acte for the true making of Maulte.

Where diuers and sundry persones talkyng vpon them the arte and mistery of Malt making, and sundry other persons, tendyng more their owne priuate increase, gaine and profite, then the wholesome vsuallage of the subiectes of this Realme; the Nobilitie of this Realme, and other hys graces Subiectes, haue wrong of late by their vnlawfull practises and greedye myndes, accustomably & commonly made their malte vnpure and vnseasonable, for that they haue made the same malte in eyght or nine daies, where in dede the same cānot be well and perfectly made, vnles it haue ỳ time & space of ten dayes in the making, as of old. And where also diuers and sundry of the sayd makers of malte, com-

commonly haue and do slackly and deceiptfully date the Maulte, so by them made for that they would haue an inordinate increase therof, by the Dwelling of the said Mault, whereby ꝑ same Mault not being sufficiently dried, cannot be kept any long time or space, but it will be musty and full of wormes, whereby no wholsome drinke for mans body, can by any meanes be thereof made, which is not onely to the great peril & danger of the nobilitie, and other the kinges highnes Subiects within this realme, & also to the great losse and decay of ꝑ common wealth of the same, but also an vtter impouerishment of the Brewers of the said realme, for that the said Brewers (ouer and besides the unwholsomnesse of the drink, which is commonly made therof) cannot make so much drinke of fiue quarters of Maulte, beyng so euill dried and made, as they might, and can make of foure quarters, beyng well and truely made. And also forasmuch as diuers and sundry persones minding and seeking their owne priuate and excessiue gayne & profite forgetting thereby their duetie, and the order or charitie to wardes the common wealth and their neighbours in this behalfe, do commonly vse to put and mixt good Mault, and euill Mault together, and after sell the same Mault so sale, as good Mault, whereby many of the kinges Subiectes haue sene and are like to bee very often deceyued to their great losse and hinderance, contrary to the honest, semely, & godly ordring, selling, & commutation that should and ought to be amongst christian people, specially in things concerning the sustenaunce & sustentacion of mans body.

For remedye whereof, it may please the kinges Maiestie, with the aduise of hys Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, that it may bee established, and enacted by the auctho̅itie of the same, that no such person or persons at any tyme after the first day of Marche next comming shall make any Barley Maulte, (the monethes of June, Julye, and August onelye except:) But that the same shall haue in makinge thereof, that is to say, in the fat, flowze, steeping, and sufficient dryng of the sayd Malt, three weekes at the least, and that no such person or persones at anye tyme within the sayde Monethes of June, Julye, and August, shall make any Barley Maulte: Except the same haue in ꝑ the flowze, steeping, and sufficient drying, the time and space of xvij. dayes at the least vnder and without which time and times, the saide Maulte cannot be well and perfitely made, nor wholsome for mans bodie: vpon paine of forfait and losse for euery quarter of Mault which shall be made by any person or persones, contrarie to the Tenour, Purport, and true meanynge of this acte, two shillynges. And bee it further enacted by auctho̅itie aforesayde, that no persone or persones, after the first of Marche next comming, shall mingle, or put together any Maulte, not being well & sufficiently made or being made of Mowburnt, or spiced

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Prouided alwaies, that it shall bee lawfull for all maner of Bowmakers, coblers, tablers, Cardiers, Bogedmakers, and all other artificers vsing leather in their arte, to buy all kind of tanned leather, beyng tanned as is aforesaid, to be conuerted to any thyng belonging only to their occupation, at Leaden hall in London, vpon euery Monday in the yere, though neither the buyer nor seller be free of the said citie of London without incurring any penaltie or danger for y^e same, any thing in this acte conteined, or any other thyng or things, to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Prouided also y^t no person nor persons, shalbe molested, sued, or vexed by any forfeiture or penaltie compiled within this act, except the sute therof be commenced within one yere after the offence committed.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted that this act, or any thyng therein conteined, shall not in any wise extende to be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any Lord or Lords, person or persons, bodies politike and corporate or any of them, their heires or successours, or the heires or successours of any of them, touching any Faire or market, Scale, Seruice, liberties, franchise, priuiledge, profit, commodity, forfeiture, fines or emoluments whatsoeuer, or any of them haue or ought to haue by any lawfull interest or title, before the commencement and beginning of this present parliament, but that they & euery of them, may, and shall haue, enioy, percease, vse & keepe all & singuler their Faires, markets, Scale, seruices, liberties, franchises, profites, commodities, forfeitures and fines, rising comming, and growing by reason of this act, any clause, article, or sentence in this present acte or statute, to the contrary notwithstanding.

This acte to endure to the ende of the next Parliament.

An Acte for the true making of Malte.

WHere diuers and sundry persones tasting vpon them the arte and mistery of Malt making, and seeking more their owne priuate lucre, gaine and profite, then the wholsome ordinaunce of the kinges Maiestye, the Nobilitie of this Realme, and other his graces Subiectes, haue vsed of late by their vnlaudable couetous and greedye myndes, accustomably & commonly to make much vnsauery, vnpure and vnwholsome malte, for that they haue made the same malte in lesse then nine daies, whereas in deede the same cannot be well & perfectly made, but in the space of xij. dayes in the making thereof. And where also diuers and sundry of the sayd makers of malte, com-

commonly haue and do slackly and deceiptfully drie the Maulte, so by them made for that they would haue an inordinate increase thereof, by the Wetting of the said Mault, whereby ỹ same Mault not being sufficiẽtly dried, cannot be kept any long time or space, but it will be musty and full of wormes, whereby no wholsome drinke for mans body, can by any meanes be thereof made, which is not onely to the great perill & danger of the nobilitie, and other the kinges highnes Subiects within this realme, & also to the great losse and decay of ỹ common wealth of the same, but also an vtter impouerishment of the Brewers of this said realme, for that the said Brewers (ouer and besides the vnwholsomnesse of the drinke, which is commonly made thereof) cannot make so much drinke of fiftie quarters of Maulte, beyng so euill dryed and made, as they might, and can make of fortye quarters, beyng well and truely made. And also forasmuch as diuers and sundry persones minding and seeking their owne priuate and perticuler gayne & profite forgetting thereby their duetie, and the order or charitie towardes the common wealth and their neighbours in this behalfe, do commonlye vse to put and mixt good Mault, and euill Mault together, and after put the same Maulte to sale, as good Mault, whereby many of the kinges Subiectes haue beene and are like to bee very often deceyued to their great losse and hinderaunce, contrary to the honest, semely, & godly buying, selling, & communication that should and ought to be amongst christian people, specially in things concerning the sustentation & sustenaunce of mans body.

For remedye whereof, it may please the kinges Maiestie, with the aduise of hys Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, that it may bee established, and enacted by the aucthoritie of the same, that no such person or persons at any tyme after the first day of Marche next comming shall make any Barley Maulte, (the monethes of June, Julye, and August onelye except:) But that the same shall haue in makinge thereof, that is to say, in the fat, flowre, steeping, and sufficient dryeng of the sayd Malt, three weekes at the least, and that no such person or persones at anye tyme within the sayde Monethes of June, Julye, and August, shall make any Barley Maulte: Except the same haue in ỹ fat, flowre, steeping, and sufficient dryeng, the time and space of xxi. dayes at the least vnder and without which time and times, the saide Maulte cannot be well and perfitely made, nor wholsome for mans bodie: Vpon paine to forfait and lose for euery quarter of Maulte which shall be made by anie person or persones, contrarie to the Tenour, Purport, and true meanynge of this acte, two shillynges. And bee it further enacted by auctho͞itie aforesayde, that no person or persones, after the first of Marche next comming, shall mingle or put together any Maulte not being well & sufficiently made or being made of Wowburnt, or spoyled

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rd, and the other moity thereof to the party that wil sue for the same
action of debe, bill, playnt, or information, in any of the kings courts
erein no protection, wager of law nor essoigne, nor iniunction shal-
admitted or allowed.

nd be it further enacted by ꝑ auctority aforesaid, that the Justices
peace in euery of their Sessions, and also the stewarde in euery lete
l haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, to enquire,
are, & determine, as well by presentment of xij. men, as by accusation
information of two honest witnesses, of, for, and vppon all and euery
e offences and forfeitures aforesayde, as well for the kinge, as for the
rtie that shall sue, procure, or cause the same to be presented, as is be-
esaide. And that the Baylifes, and constables of euerie Borowe, or
rket towne, or other towne where any suche malte shalbee made, or
e to sale, shall haue full power & auctoritie from time to time, to vy-
e, searche, & surney all such malt as shalbe made or put to sale, with-
any of the said townes. And if any of them shall thereupon find any
alte so put to sale, being euill made, or myngled with euill malte con-
ry to the tenour and true meaning of this present acte: That thē the
d Baylife or Constable so finding any such malt euill made, or min-
d as is beforesaide, with ꝑ aduise of one Justice of peace, within the
ne shire, shall cause the same to be solde to such person or persons and
suche reasonable pryse or prices, and vnder the common ppce of the
rket as to his discretion shal seeme necessarie & expedient.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that
s acte, nor any thing therein contained, shall not extend to charge or
to the makinge of malte, for any mans owne prouision for his owne
use or familie, neither preiudicial to any person or persons for, or con-
ning any of the offences or forfeytures aforesaide: Except he or they
offending, shal happen to be sued, presented, and accused for the same
maner & fourme aforesaid, within one yere next after any such offēs
offences to be done or committed, any thing in this present act to the
trary notwithstanding. This present act to continue vntil thend of
next Parliament.

¶ The

Anno. Chapter.

An Acte for the true tanning of Leather.

Here before this time diuers good estatutes haue bene made for the true tanning of leather, wherein consisteth a great cõmon wealth & cõmoditie to men, for that euery sorte of people of necessitie must vse, and haue leather for diuers & sundry purposes, for lacke of true tanning whereof, euery man is not onely put to great losse and charge, but also by the naughtynes thereof dothe take diuers and sundry diseases to the shortning of their lyues, and yet notwithstandinge, the sayd good estatutes in that case prouyded, it is manifest to al persons that there was neuer worse leather vsed or made with in this realme, than hath lately ben and now is vsed and made within the same. The chiefe cause whereof commeth by reason of the euil and deceiptful tanning of the same Leather. For albeit the Cozier, and also the shomaker or other artificer do his or their diligẽce neuer so wel, yet nothing may therewith can be good, perfite, or profitable, as it ought or should be, the leather not being wel & sufficiently tanned, thoccasion of the naughty tanning, whereof groweth much by the greedinesse of the gaine of the tanner, for that they couet to set forth ẏ same to sale with more speede and shorter time, then it can be wel and perfitely tanned, and haue ye due time requisite and necessarie for the true tanning of the same. For where as in times past, the hides of leather were wont to lye in ẏ tãne fats by the space of one yere, or fiue quarters of the yeare, before it was taken out of the same fatts, or put to sale, now for the speedy vtterance and tanning thereof, they haue inuented diuers and sundry deceiptful and crafty meanes to haue the same leather tanned, sometime in three weekes, & sometyme in one moneth or fiue weekes at ẏ most, as by craft of ouer lyming thereof in their lime pits, or otherwise by laying thereof in their fatts, set in their olde tanne hilles, where it shalbe tanned with the hote ozis, taking vnkind heate in the same hill, & sometime by putting of seething hote lierre with their ozis into their tãne fats, wherein ẏ same hides or leather lye, which they most commonly do practise in the night time, and by diuers and many other such craftie and subtil meanes, whereby they make leather to seeme to them ẏ haue not ẏ knowledge or skil therof, to be as wel and sufficiently tanned, within ẏ space of three weekes or a month, or fiue weekes at ẏ most, as if it had lien in the fattes vntill it had the full time requisite, for the true tannyng of the same, which shoulde haue bene at the least, by ẏ space of three quarters of a yeare. For remedye whereof, and to the entente that Leather may hereafter bee sufficiently and truely tãned, and haue his full

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and a perfection, as is requisite for the same. Be it enacted by the king our soueraigne Lord, with the assent of the Lords & commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that all actes heretofore made concerning the true tanning of Leather, not being yet repealed shall stand in their full strength and force, and be put in due execution. And further inacted, that no person or persons occupying or that hereafter shall occupy the mistery or craft of a Tanner, shall after the first day of May next coming, put any tanned leather to sale, (Calues skinnes onely except) tanned or dressed with oken barke, Cawcawmelt, Sumes or Tallow bating. And that the same leather so put to sale, hath ben in the tanne pittes, well and sufficiently wrought & chaunged by the space of three quarters of one yere at the least, vpon paine that euery such person or persons, putting any tanned leather to sale, tanned contrarie the tenne of this statute, shall forfeit the same leather so put to sale, & further for euery hyde thereof ten shillinges & eight pence. And that it shalbe lawfull to euery person or persons, to seize the same leather so put to sale, contrarie to this statute, as forfeit. And be it inacted that so seized the same leather, shall haue the one halfe of the same leather to seized, to the king the other halfe, and that he that will sue for the same forfeiture of vi.s. viii.d. for euery of the same hides so forfeit, or for the said leather to forfeited as is aforesaide, by bill, plaint, or action of debt, in any of the kinges Courtes of records, wherein no wager of law, essoine, or protection shalbe allowed, shall haue the one halfe and the kinge the other halfe.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that after and from the said first day of May next coming, no person or persons that exercise or shall exercise, any mistery craft or occupacion, shall set any their pittes in tanne pittes, or other places before the hides or leather that shalbe put to tanne in the same, shall or may take any such order, or shall put any hyde vnder the size of xiii. hides for a dicker, or any hyde or leather that shalbe put to tanning, or that shall after be occupied with warres or harnes, for the ouerthrow or tanning of any hides or leather, or whereby any hides or leather shalbe burnt, chaunged or marred in the tanning thereof, vpon the paines & penalties aforesaide. And that it shalbe lawfull to, & for the Justices of the peace, for the time being, and to euery person & persons hauing authoritie by the lawes and statutes of this Realme, to search, view, and viewe tanned leather, to enter at all reasonable time and times, into the tanne houses of any person or persons, hiring and exercising the mistery or craft of tanning of leather, and to search their tanne pittes, that shalbe or be in their tanne houses or other places. And if any such Justice or searcher shall finde or perceiue hydes or leather, put in any such pitte or pittes, set in their tanne hills, or other wise deceiptfully tanned or ouerlymed, or burnt with lyme, or tanned contrarie to this statute: that then

it shalbe lawful to euery such Iustice & searcher or searchers so finding the same, to seise the same hides & leather, & to take the one moity therof to thuse of our said soueraigne Lord the king, & the other moity therof to his owne vse, & in case he cannot seise & haue the same by way of seisure, that then the same Iustice & searcher, or any of them, may sue for the same, or the value thereof, in any of the kings Courtes of record by information, bill, plaint or action of debt, or Detynue, wherein no essoine, wager of law, or protection shalbe allowed, & the king to haue the one halfe of the said forfaitures, & the party that so sueth thother halfe.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons occupying, or that shal hereafter occupie or exercise the craft or mistery of tanners, shal cut any hide or hides of Steere or Cowe, for cloute Leather, or to make any cloute leather thereof, but that they & euery of them shal sell & vtter, all & euery their hides of Cow & Steere whole & vncut, vpon paine & forfaiture of the losse of the same hides so cut and vi s. viij d. for euery hide so cut, and that euery person & persons that will seise the same Leather, or sue for the same forfeitures, as is before limited, for the penalties aforesaide, shall haue the one halfe thereof, and the king the other halfe.

And be it enacted by the saide auctoritie, that no person or persons, shall after the said first day of May, taune any maner of felles, or sheepe skinnes, or put to sale, vpon paine of forfaiture of the same skinnes, and vi s. viij d. for euery sheepe skinne so tanned or sold, the one halfe thereof to be to the king, & the other halfe thereof to be to him that will seise or sue for the same, by any of the waies or meanes aforesaid. This acte to endure to the ende of the next Parliament.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted, that this preset act, or any thing therin contained, shal not in any wise extend or be preiudicial or hurtful to any Lord or Lords, person or persons, bodies politique & corporate, or any of them, their heires or successors, or the heires or successors of any of them, touching any Faire or Market, seale, search, libertie, fraunchise, priuiledge, profite, commoditie, forfaiture, fines, or emolument, which they or any of them haue or ought to haue by any lawful interest or title before the commencement and beginning of this preset parliament: but that they & euery of them may & shall haue, enioy, perceyue, take & kepe, all & singuler their Faires, markets, seale, searchers, liberties, fraunchises, profits, commodities, forfaitures & fines, rising, coming & growing, by reason of this act: any clause, article or sentence in this preset act or statute, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding. & this act to endure vnto the end of the next Parliament.

The xii. Chapter.

An Act for the assurance to the Tenauntes of graunte and leases made of the Duke of Somersets

Whereas

Whereas the right excellent Prince, Edward Duke of Somerset, hath heretofore ordeined, constituted, & made diuers persons to be Stewards & surueyors of diuers & sundry his honors, manors, lands, tenements, & hereditamentes, by hys sufficient writing, or writinges in the law, signed & sealed by the said Duke, & hereafter may at his will & pleasure ordeine, constitute and make dyuers & sundry Stewardes & surueyors, of any his honors, manors, landes, tenements, or hereditaments, which the said Stewards & surueyors heretofore so constituted & made, or such & as many of them, as by any such writing of the said duke were appointed or authorised, to make leases or graunttes, of any the landes, tenements, or hereditaments of the said Duke: haue according vnto the tenor and effect of their said commission and writinges graunted and made, for, and in the behalfe of the sayde Duke, many demises, leases, & grauntes for terme of life or lyues, of diuers parcels of the honors, manors, meases, lands, tenements, or other hereditaments, being parcel of the possessions of the said Duke, which be or haue beene commonly called or knowen by the name of demeane lands, Barton lands, ouer lands, or borde lands, or by any other name or names, by Copy of court rolle, of the honor or manor wherein, or nere vnto the which honor or manor, the same lands, tenements, or hereditaments so graunted or letten, are or be, for and during such and those estates and termes, for lyfe or lyues, as bene rehearsed, limitted, & appointed, by and in the copies of court roll, to them seuerally therof had and made, and according vnto the customes of the honors or manors, wherein or nere vnto which the said landes, tenements, or hereditaments, so letten or graunted, are, or be in like maner, fourme & condition, & with like and the same customes, vsages, and liberties, benefits, commodities, & priuiledges, as the auncient and customary tenauntes and copyholders of the olde customary and copyholde landes of the said honor or manour, where such demeane landes, or Barton landes, or other the said landes, are lying or being, or whereof any of the said meases, lands, tenements, or other hereditaments be, or haue bene accompted, letten, or reputed, for, or as a part or parcel, haue vsed, do, or ought to do by the customes and vsages of the said honour or manour, where as of trouth no custome or vsage can or may, by the lawes of this Realme, be annexed or knitte to any meases, lands, tenements, or hereditaments, letten, nor to be letten by copie of court rolle, to any person or persons, albeit those wordes, secundum consuetudinem manerij, be rehearsed & expressed in the said court roll, or copie therof had or made, except that the same meases, lands, tenements, or other hereditaments so letten be old customarie or copie hold landes, & haue beene vsed by all the time wherof memorie of man is not to the contrarie, to be letten or demised by copy of court roll, or otherwise at the will of the lord, according vnto the custome of the said honor & manor, and for that cause such and

thole leases, demises, & graunts, made, or to bee made for terme of life or lyues, by copie of court roll of demeane or Barton lands, or other the said lands, and not being olde customary or copyhold lands, nor hauing any liuery or seison of the same, bene by the lawes of this realme of no better force, then leases made or to be made, onely for & during the wyl & pleasure of the lessours and grauntors thereof, at, & by the common law, by reason whereof diuers of thole persons, to whom any such leasees or grauntees, by copy of court roll be, or haue ben had and made, or hereafter shalbe had or made, of, or in any such meases, lands, tenemẽts or other hereditaments, may be hereafter by some of the heires or assignes of the said Duke, or by any other, which shall or may haue any estate therein, by, or from some of them, or vnder the title of some of them expulsed & put out of the said meases, landes, tenements, and hereditaments, cõmonly called demeanes or Barton landes, or other the sayde lands so taken or to be taken, as is aforesaid, contrarie to equitie and conscience, & contrary to ỳ true meaning of the said Duke, & to the great impouerishment of thole persons that so haue taken, or shal take any of the same by copie of court roll. For remedy wherof, & for the relief, aide, & better suertie of such persons as haue taken or had, or hereafter shall take or haue, any leases or grauntes, by Copy of court rolle, accordinge vnto the custome of any honor or manor, which is, hath bene, or shalbe parcel of the possessions of the said duke: the said duke of his charitable mynd & accustomed goodnes, humbly beseecheth the kings most excellẽt Maiestie, the lords & commons in this ꝑsent Parliament assembled, that it may be ordeyned & enacted by aucthority of parliament in manner & fourme following, (that is to say) that al leases & grauntes, had, made, or graunted, or hereafter to be had, made, or graunted, by copy of court roll, for terme of life or liues, not exceeding iij. liues at the most, of any mease or meases, lands, tenements, possessions, reuersions, or other herditaments, called demean lands, or Barton lands, or by any other name or names, parcel of the possessions of the said duke, & graunted or made by such & as many of thole persons, which at any time or times heretofore haue bene auctholized by any writing, signed & sealed by the said Duke, to make any demises or leases, or graunts, of any his meases, lands, tenements, possessions, or hereditamentes, and also al other leases & graunts hereafter to be made, had, or graunted, by any person or persons, which shalbe at any time hereafter, by the sufficient writing in the law of the said Duke, ordeyned, constituted, or made Steward, or surueyor of any the manors, meases, landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditaments of the said Duke, by copy of Court rol, of any the said meases, landes, tenementes, reuersions, possessions, or hereditaments, for terme of life or liues, not exceeding three liues. Which lease & graut or the true copie thereof, shalbe within one yere next after the makinge of any such lease or graunt, by copie of Court roll entered and written in a booke or rolle, and which booke or rolle, after the entrie thereof,

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shalbe assigned and subscribed with the hand of the said Duke, or of his heires, shalbe of such like & the same force, strength, & effect in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions, & purposes, to such and those persons to whom the same shalbe so letten or graunted, by name expressed in the said lease or graunt, according vnto the estates and termes mencioned in the leases and grauntes thereof, as if the meases, lands, tenements, reuersions, possessions, and hereditaments, whereof such lease, demise, or graunt, is, or shalbe made, by copie of court Roll, were made of ỳ old auncient customarie or copie hold lands, of the honour or manor mencioned in such lease, graunt, or copie of court rol, which haue ben demised or dimissible by copie of court rolle, of the said honor or manor, or otherwise, according vnto the custome of the said honor or manor, by all the time whereof memory of man is not to the contrary. And that the leasees, grauntees, & tenants thereof shall yelde, do, and pay, & be bounde to pay, yeld, and do to the said Duke, his heires and assignes, and to other the Lord or Lordes of the said honor or manor for the tyme being, like and almuch rentes for the same, as at any time heretofore haue ben yelden and paied, and all other duities, seruices, and customes, & vpon like paines, forfaitures, and penalties, and shall haue and enioy al such like lawfull customes, liberties, vsages, and aduauntages, knit to the same meases, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, so by them or any of them taken or to be taken, during their seueral estates and interests of, and in the same, by force of the said copies or customes, as the auncient and olde customary and copy hold tenauntes of the said honour or manour, where the said copyholds or customary tenements ber, haue beene or shalbe taken or had, haue lawfully vsed, or ought lawfully by the custome of the saide honor or manor, to yelde, do, pay, or haue: any law, vsage, or custome, to the cõtrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding. Sauing to euery person and persons, bodyes politique and corporate, their heires and successors, and the heires and successors of euery of them, other then the saide Duke and his heires, and euery person and persons, bodies politique and corporate, and the heires and successours of euery or any of them, which shall haue any estate, possession, or interest, in, or to any of the premisses, by the said Duke, or by any of his heyres, or vnder the title of the said Duke, al such right, title, vse, interest, commodities profite, of, in, and to all, and euery the said honours, manours, landes, tenements, hereditaments, and other the premisses, and to euery part and parcell thereof, as they or any of them had, or ought to haue had, before the making of this acte, and as though this act had neuer bene had ne made: any thing in this act conteyned to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ The xiij. Chapiter.

¶ An Act for the true payment of Tythes.

WHere in the Parlyament holden at Westminster the iiij. day of February, in the xxvij. yere of the Raigne of the late kinge of most famous memory king Henry theight, there was one act made, concerning payment of Tithes predial and personall. And also in another Parlyament holden at Westminster, the xxiiij. day of July in the xxxij. yere of the Raigne of the said late kinge Henry the eight, an other act was made concerning true payment of tythes & offrings, in which seueral actes, many and dyuers thinges be omitted & left out which were conuenient & verie necessarie to be added to the same. In consideration whereof, and to the intent the said tythes may be hereafter truely paied, according to the mynde of the makers of the saide act, Be it ordeyned & enacted by the king our soueraigne Lorde, with the assent of the Lords spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctority of the same, that not onely the said acts made in the said xxvij. and xxxij. yeres of the raigne of the said late king Henry the eight, concerning true paiment of tithes and euery article and braunch therein conteyned, shal abyde and stand in their full strength and vertue. But also be it further enacted by the auctoritie of this present parlyament, that euery of the kings subiects shal from henceforth truely & iustly, without fraud or guyle, deuyde, set out, yelde, and pay al maner of their predial tithes, in their proper kind, as they rise and happen, in such maner & fourme, as hath bene of right yelded and paied within xl. yeres, next before the making of this acte, or of right or custome ought to haue bene paied. And that no person shal from henceforth take or cary away, any such or like tithes, which haue bene yelded or paied within the said xl. yeres, or of right ought to haue bene paied, in the place or places tithable of the same, before he hath truly deuyded or set forth for the tithe thereof, the tenth part of the same, or otherwise agreed for the same tythes, with the Parson, Vycar, or other owner, proprietory, or Fermour of the same tythes, vnder the payne of forfaiture of treble value of the tythes so taken or carryed away.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that at all tymes whensoeuer and as often as the said predial tithes shalbe due at the tything time of the same, it to be lawfull to euery party to whom any of the said tithes ought to be paid, or his deputie or seruant, to viewe and set their said tithes to be iustly & truely set forth, & severed from the rest, & the same quietly to take & carrie away. And if any person cary away his corne or hay, or his other predial tithes, before the tithe thereof be set forth, or wilfully withdraw his tithes of the same, or of such other thinges, wherof predial tithes ought to be paid, or do stop or let ye person vicar, proprietory, owner, or other their deputies or farmors, to viewe, take, and carie away their tithes as is aboue said, by reason wherof the said tith or tenth is lost, impaired, or hurt, & then vpon due proofe there-

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of made, before the spiritual Judge, or any other Judge, to whom here tofore he might haue made complaint, the party so carying away, with drawing, letting or stopping, shall pay the double value of the tenth or tithe so taken, lost, withdrawen, or caried away, ouer & besides ẏ costes charges, & expenses of the suit in the same, the same to be recouered before the ecclesiastical Iudge, according to ẏ kings ecclesiastical lawes.

And be it further enacted by thauctholitie aforesaid, that al and euery person, which hath or shall haue any beastes or other cattell tythable, going feeding, or depasturing in any waste or common ground, wherof the parish is not certainly knowen, shal pay their tithes for the increase of the said cattel so going in the said waste or common, to the Parson, Vicar, proprietory, portionary, owner, or other their Fermours or deputies, of the parish, hamlet, towne, or other place, where the owner of the said cattel inhabiteth or dwelleth.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctholitie aforesaid, that no person shalbe sued or otherwise compelled to yelde, geue, or pay, any maner of tithes for any manors, landes, tenements, or hereditaments, which by the lawes and statutes of this realme, or by any priuiledge or prescription, are not chargeable with the payment of any such tithes or that be discharged by any compaction real.

Prouided alwaies & be it enacted by thauctholitie aforesaid, that all such barren heath or waste ground, other then such as ben discharged for the payment of tithes by act of parliament, which before this time haue ben vsed to be paid no tithes, by reason of ẏ same barrenes, & now be, or hereafter shalbe improued & conuerted into arable ground or medow, shal frō hēceforth after thend & determinatiō of the yeres next after such improuemēt fully ended & determined, pay tith for ẏ corne & hay growing, vpon the same: any thing in this act to ẏ contrary in any wise notwithstāding.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctholitie aforesaid, that if any such baren, waste, or heath ground, both before this time ben charged with the payment of any tithes, & that the same be hereafter improued & conuerted into arable ground or meadow, ẏ then the owner or owners thereof, shall during the yeres next following, from & after the same improuement, pay such kind of tithe as was paid for the same before the said improuement: any thing in this acte to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it also further enacted by thauctholitie aforesaid, ẏ euery person exercising merchandises, bergaining & selling, clothing, handicraft or other arte or facultie, being such kind of persons, & in such places as heretofore within this rl. yeres haue accustomably vsed to pay such personal tithes, or of right ought to pay, other then such as ben common day labourers, shal yerely at or before the feast of Easter, pay for his personal tithes, the x. part of his clere gaines, his charges & expēces, according to his estate, condicion, or degre, to be therin abated, allowed, & deducted.

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Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted, that in all such places where handy crafts men haue vsed to pay their tithes within this forty yeres the same custome for payment of tythes to be obserued and to continue, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person refuse to pay his personal tithes in fourme aforesaid, that then it shalbe lawfull to the Ordinary of the same Dioces, where the partie that so ought to pay the said tythes is dwelling, to call the same partie before him & by his discretion, to examine him by all lawfull and reasonable meanes, other then by the parties owne corporal othe, concerninge the true payment of the said personal tythes.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all & euery person & persons, which by the lawes or customes of this Realme, ought to make or pay their offeringes, shall yerely from henceforth, wel & truely content & pay, his or their offerings to the parson, vicare proprietory, or their deputies or farmers, of the parishe or parishes where it shal fortune or happen him or them to dwell or abide, & that at such iiij. offring dates, as at any time heretofore, vnto the space of iiij. yeres last past hath ben vsed & accustomed for the paiment of the same, & in default therof to pay for their said offrings at Easter the next followinge.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this act, or any thing therein conteined, shal not extende to any parish, which standes vpon & towards the sea coastes, the commodities & occupying whereof, consisteth chiefely in fishing, & haue by reason thereof vsed to satisfie their tythes by fishe, but that all & euery such parish & parishes, shal hereafter pay their tythes, according to the laudable customes, as they haue heretofore of auncient time within this xl. yeres, vsed & accustomed, & shall pay their offringes as is aforesaid.

Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this act, or any thing therein conteyned, shal not extende in any wise to the inhabitaunts of the Citie of London & Caunterbury, & the suburbs of the same, ne to any other towne or place, that hath vsed to pay their tithes by their houses, otherwise then they ought or should haue done, before the making of this act: any thing conteyned in this acte, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person do subtract or withdraw, any maner of tithes, obuentions, profits, commodies, or other duties before mencioned, or any part of them, contrary to ỳ true meaning of this act, or of any other act heretofore made, that thē the party so subtracting or withdrawing the same, may or shal be conuented & sued in the kings ecclesiastical court, by the party from whom the same shalbe subtracted or withdrawē, to thintent the kings Iudge ecclesiastical shal & may, then & there heare & determin the same according to the kings ecclesiastical lawes. And ỳ it shal not be lawful

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vnto the Parson, vicar, proprietory, owner, or other their Fermours or deputies, contrarie to thys acte, to conuent or sue such withholder of tithes, obuentions, or other duities aforesaide, before any other Judge then Ecclesiastical. And if any Archbishop, Bishop, Chancellor, or other Judge ecclesiastical, geue any sentence in the foresaid causes of tithes, obuentions, profits, emoluments, and other duities aforesaid, or in any of them (and no appeal ne prohibicion hanging) the party condempned do not obey the said sentence: that then it shalbe lawfull to euery suche Judge ecclesiastical, to excommunicate the said party, so as afore condempned & disobeying, in the which sentence of excõmunication, if the said party excõmunicate, wilfully stand & indure stil excommunicate by the space of xl. daies next after, vpon denunciation & publication therof in the parish Churche, or the place or parish where the partie so excommunicate is dwelling, or most abyding, the said Judge Ecclesiastical may then at his pleasure signifie vnto the king into his court of Chancerie, of the state & condicion of the said partie so excõmunicate, & there vpon to require proces De excommunicato capiendo, to be awarded against euery such person, as hath bene so excommunicate.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any party at any time hereafter, for any matter or cause before rehearsed, limitted, or appointed by this act, to be sued or determined in the kings Ecclesiastical court, or before the Ecclesiastical Judge, do sue for any prohibicion in any of the kinges Courtes, where prohibicions before this time haue bene vsed to be graunted: that then in euery such case the same partie before any prohibicion shalbe graunted to him or them, shal bring & deliuer to the handes of some of the Justices or Judges of the same court where such partie demaunded prohibicion, the verie true copy of the libie depending in the ecclesiastical Court, concerning the matter wherfore the partie demaundeth prohibicon, subscribed or marked with the hand of the same party, and vnder the copy of the said libel, shalbe written the suggestion, wherfore the partie so demandeth the said prohibicion: & in case the said suggestion, by two honest & sufficient witnesses at the least, be not proued true in the Court, where the said prohibicion shalbe so graunted within fiue monethes next following after the said prohibicion shalbe so graunted & awarded, that then the party that is letted or hindered of his or their suit in the Ecclesiastical court by such prohibicion, shal vpon his or their requeste & suite without delay, haue a consultation graunted in the same case in the court where the said prohibicion was graunted, & shal also recouer double costes and damages against the partie that so pursued the said prohibicion, the said costes & damages to be assigned or assessed by the Court, where the said consultation shalbe so graunted, for which costs & damages, the party to whõ they shalbe awarded, may haue an action of debt, by bil, plaint, or information in any of the kingrs Courts of record, wherein the defendaunt

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shall not wage his or their lawe, nor haue any essoine or protection allowed or admitted.

Prouyded alwaies and be it enacted by the aucthority aforesaid, that this act or any thing therein conteined, shal not extend to geue any minister or Judge Ecclesiastical, any iurisdiction to hold plee of any matter, cause, or thing, being contrary or repugnant, to, or against the effect intent or meaning of the Statute of westminster ij. the b. Chapter, the statutes of Articuli cleri, circumspecte agatis, Silua sedua, the treatise de Regia prohibicione, ne against the Statute of Anno primo Edwardi tercij, the r. Chapiter, or any of them, ne yet holde plee in any matter whereof the kings Court of right ought to haue iurisdiction: any thing herein conteyned to the contrarie any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided neuertheless, where heretofore such a custome hath ben in many parts of Wales, that of such cattel and other goodes, as hath ben geuen with the maryage of any person, their tythes haue bene exacted & leuied by the persons & curates in those parts, which custome being dissonant from any part of this realme, as it seemed when the said countrey of Wales, was through Ciuill dissention vnculted, for want of other sufficient profits that might otherwise grow to the curates & ministers there, to haue bene for that time tollerable, so now the country being wel manured & husbanded, and that tythe is duely paied therof corne hay, wooll, & cheese, and of other increase of all maner of cattel as it is commonly in all other partes of this Realme, the same custome semes to be greuous and vnreasonable, specially wher the benefits arels sufficient for the finding of the said ministers & curates: that it be therfore enacted by the auctho̅itie aforesaid, that from & after the first day of May next comming, no such tithes of mariage goods be exacted or required of any person within the said dominion of Wales or Marches of the same: any thing in this act conteyned, or any other act, custome, prescription had or made to the contrary hereof notwithstading.

¶ The xiiij. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte against the shooting of Hayleshote.

WHereas an act made in the xiiij. yere of the late king of famous memorie Henry the eight, for some libertie to shoote in Handgunnes, Haques, and Haquebuts, by which acte neuertheles it was prouided, that no person should shote in any of the aboue sayde peeces, but at a banke of earth, and not to any Deere or foule, vnlesse the partie might dispende an C. pound by the yeare, for asmuch as the saide acte hauinge beene deuysed, as it was then thought for necessarie exercise, tending to the defence of the Realme, is growen sithens to the mayntenaunce of much ydlenesse, and to suche a lybertie, as not onely dwellinge houses, douecotes, and Churches, are dayly dammaged by the abuse thereof, by men of lyght conuersation, but that also there is growen a customable manner of shoting of hayleshot, whereby an infinite sort of Foule is kylled, and much game thereby destroyed,

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to the benefite of no man, whereby also the meaning of the said statute, is defrauded, for that the saide vse of hayle shot, vtterly destroyeth the certainties of shooting, which in warres is much requisite. Be it therefore enacted, that no person vnder the degree of a lord of the parliament, shal from henceforth shoote in any handgune, within any citye or towne at any fowle, or other marke vpon any Church, house, or doue cote, neyther that any person shal shote in any place any hayle shote, or any moe pellets then one at one time, vpon paine to forfait for euery time that he or they shall so offend contrary to this act x.li. and imprisonment of his bodie during three monethes.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthority aforesaid, that this acte, nor any thing therin conteyned shal extende, or be prejudicial to any person or persons, auctorised by value of lande, to shote in any handgunne or crosbowe, but that they may so do in such fourme and order as they should do, & might haue done before the makinge of this acte (hayle shote excepted, as in deede that kind of shoote in the said acte was not meant) & that also euery other person or persons, auctorised to shote, or otherwise, if he inhabite in any towne corporate, be presented to the Maior or other officer of the same, if inhabitinge in the countrey, be presented within one moneth after the publishing of this act, to the next Justice of peace adioyning, in which cases the said Maior, Justice, or other officer for taking their names as is aforesaid, shal againe present and recorde the same before a Justice of the peace, at the next quarter Session, to the intent the Clerke of the peace of the countie may keepe a certaine booke or Roll of the names of all such persons, by the which the kinges Maiestie may from time to time be ascertayned how many sufficient able men exercised in that feat be in euery county, that the same may be imployed in his graces seruice, as nede & occasion shal require, vpon payne that euery person offending in this acte, in presuminge to shote in any handgunne or halfe hake, without the presentinge of his name, as is aforesaid, shal forfait for euery shote the summe of x.s. the one moitie wherof to be to our soueraigne Lord the king, & the other moitie to him or them that will sue for the same, by bill, action, playnt, information, or otherwise. The officer that should take their names & present the same, as is aboue said, to incurre for the lacke of his dutie in this part, for euery time so offending xl.s. payne.

¶ The vj. Chapiter.

An act touching victualers, and handy crafts men.

Forasmuch as of late dayes, diuers sellers of victuals, not contented with moderate and reasonable gaine, but minding to haue, & to take for their victuals, so much as lust them, haue conspired & conenaunted together, to sel their victuals at vnreasonable prices: And likewise ar-

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tificers, handycraftes men and labourers, haue made confederacyes, & promises, & haue sworne mutuall othes, not onely that they should not medle one with others worke, & perfourme and finish that another hath begonne, but also to constitute and appoint how much worke they shal doe in a day, and what houres & times they shall worke, contrary to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, and to the great hurt and impouerishment of the kings Maiesties subiects: For reformation therof it is ordeined and enacted by the king our souereigne Lord, the lords and commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any Bouchers, Brewers, Bakers, Poulters, Cookes, Costermongers, or Fruiterers, shall at any time from and after the first day of March next comming, conspire, couenant, promise or make any othes, that they shall not sell their victailes, but at certaine prices, or if any artificers, woorkmen, or labourers do conspire, couenant or promise together, or make any othes, that they shall not make or do their workes, but at a certeine price and rate, or shall not emprise or take vpon them to finish that another hath begonne, or shall do but a certeine worke in a day, or shall not worke but at certeine houres and times, that then euery person so conspyring, couenaunting, sworing or offending, being lawfully conuict therof by witnesse, confession or otherwise, shall forfait for the first offence tenne pound to the kinges highnes, and if he haue sufficient to pay the same, and do also pay the same within vi. daies next after his conuiction, or els shall suffer for the same offence xx. dayes imprisonment, and shall onely haue bread & water for his sustenaunce. And for the second offence shall forfait twenty pound to the king, if he haue sufficient to pay the same, and do pay the same within vi. dayes next after his conuiction, or els shall suffer for the second offence, punishment of the pillorie. And for the thirde offence, shal forfait xl. li. to the kinge, if he haue sufficient to pay the same, and also do pay the same within vi. dayes next after his conuiction, or els shall stand on the pillorie and loose one of his eares, and also shall at all times after that, be taken as a man infamous, and his sayinges, depositions or othe, not to be credited at any time, in any matters of iudgment. And if it fortune any such conspiracie, couenant, or promise to be had and made, by any societie, brotherhood, or company of any Craft, misterie, or occupation, of the victualers aboue mencioned, with the presence or consent of the more part of them, that then immediatly vpon such acte of conspiracie, couenaunt, or promise, had or made, ouer and besides the particular punishment, before in this acte appointed for the offender, their corporation shalbe dissolued to al intentes, constructions and purposes.

And it is further ordeyned and enacted by the auctority aforesaid, that all and singuler Justices of Assise, Justices of Peace, Mayors, Bailifes, and Stewards of Leetes, at all & euery their sessions, leetes

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and courtes, shall haue full power & auctho͂itie to enquire, heare, & determune & al singuler offẽces committed agaynst this statute, and to punish or cause to bee punished the offendor, accordinge to the tenor of this statute.

And it is ordeined and enacted by the auctho͂itie aforesaide, that no person or persons shal at any time after the first day of April next comming, interrupt, deny, lett or disturbe any free Malon, rough Malon, Carpẽter, Bricklaier, Playsterer, Joiner, Herdhewer, Sawier, Tiler Pauier, Glasier, Lime burner, Brickemaker, Tylemaker, Plũmer, or labourer, borne in this realme or made Denizen, to worke in any of the said crafts in any Citie, Borough, or towne corporate, with any person or persons that wil retaine him or them, albeit the sayd person and persons so retained, or any of thẽ do not inhabite or dwel in the city, borough or towne corporate, where he or they shall woorke, nor be free of the same citie, borough or towne, any statute, law, ordinaunce, or other thing whatsoeuer had or made to the cõtrary in any wise notwithstãding, & that vppon payne of forfayture of v. li. for euery interruption or disturbance done cõtrary to this statute, thone moity of euery such forfeiture to be to the king, & the other moity therof to be to him or thẽ that wil sue for the same in any of the kings courts of record, by bill, plaint, accion of debt, or information, wherein no wager of lawe, essoine nor protection shalbe allowed.

¶ *The xvi. Chapiter.*

¶ An Acte for the remouing of such as haue the custody of Castles and Fortresses vpon the borders, and beyonde the Seas.

WHere before this time, alwell the right high & mightie Prince of famous memory king Henry ỳ 8. Father to our soueraigne Lord the king ỳ now is, as also our soueraigne Lord ỳ king that now is, by their seueral letters patentes haue geuen & graunted to diuers seuerall persõs, the custody & keping of diuers & sũdry Castles, fortresses, bulwarkes, holdes & offices of defence, alwel in ỳ confines & vttermost borders of ỳ North parts of this realme of England against the Scots ỳ kings rebels, as also in the confines & vttermost borders of other places within this realme & other the kinges dominiõs for defẽce of this realme against forein princes & potẽtates, with diuers fees wages, profites, and aduantages in the sayde seuerall letters patents mencioned. And for so much as diuers of the sayde persones hauyng some of the said offices ben thought meete and apt persons to serue the kinges highnes in other places of seruice. Be it therfore enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, the lordes Spiritual and Temporal and the

Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, & by thauctho̅itie of the ſame, that it ſhalbe lawful to the king our ſoueraigne Lord at hys will and pleaſure at all time and times hereafter, to remoue aſwell all & euery ſuch perſon & perſones, that now haue the cuſtody or keping for terme of life, of any caſtle, fortreſſe, bulwarke, holde, or office of defence, that at any time heretofore hath bene erected or made in the confines & vttermoſte borders in the North partes of this Realme, as alſo al and ſinguler thoſe perſons that now haue the cuſtodie or keping for terme of life of any Caſtle, fortreſſe, bulwarkes, holde, or office of defence, that within xx. yeares laſt paſt hath bene erected or made neare the Sea coaſtes, or in any of ỳ kings dominions in ỳ partes of beyonde the Sea, at the kings appointment or aſſignement, geeuing to euery ſuch perſon and perſones ſo to bee remooued to ſerue the kinge in other place or places of ſeruice ſuch like, or as good fees, wages, profits and aduauntages, and of ſuche like intereſt or eſtate, and of as good aſſuraũce in the ſame, as the perſon or perſons ſo to be remoued now hath or haue for exerciſing of hys or their office or offices, wherefore hee or they ſhalbe ſo remoued as is aforeſaid.

And it is further enacted by thauctho̅itie aforeſayd, that whenſ as ſoone as any perſon or perſones ſo to be remoued, ſhalbee aſſured of as good fees, wages, profites and aduauntages, & of ſuche like intereſt or eſtate as he, or they had for the cuſtody or keping of any of the ſayd caſtles, fortreſſes, bulwarks, holdes, or offices of defence, from whiche he ſhalbe remoued, that thẽ and ſo ſone and from thencefoorth, the graunt & letters patents made to him or them, ſo to be remoued for the cuſtody & keeping of any of the ſaid caſtles, fortreſſes, bulwarks, holdes or offices of defence, wherof he or they ſhal haue ſuch recompence, as is aforeſaid, ſhalbe vtterly voide & of none effect.

¶ The xvij. Chapiter.

¶ An Act for the confirmation of the attaindor of ſir William Sharington knight.

FOraſmuche as ſir William Sharington late of London knight ỳ xiiij. day of Febꝛuary in ỳ thirde yere of ỳ reigne of our ſoueraigne lord Edward ỳ vi. by the grace of God of England, Fraunce & Irelãd king, defendor of ỳ faith & of ỳ Church of Engiãd, & alſo of Irelãd in earth the ſupreme heade, was lawfullye indicted before the Maior of the Citye of London and other the kings commiſſioners of Oyer and Terminer, in the yeelde Hall in London, for ỳ the ſame ſir william the x. day of July in the firſt yeare of the reigne of our ſayde ſoueraigne lorde kinge Edward the firſt, and diuers dayes and times before & after, at the citie of

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Bristoll, in the countie of the Citie of Bristoll, imagining falsly to de-
ceyue our saide soueraigne lord the king and his people falsly and trai-
terously did make, forge, and counterfait .iij.M. pounde of coine of fil-
uer to the similitude of a certeine coigne of our sayd soueraigne Lord the
king, commonly called Testons, of his owne auctoritie without anie
warrant of our said soueraigne Lorde the king, and against the kinges
proclamations to the contrary thereof to him made & geuen, and agaynst
the peace of our soueraigne lord the king, his crowne and dignitie, vpō
which indictment, the same sir William was then & there arraigned
before the said Commissioners, & then and there before the saide Com-
missioners, vpon his said arraignement, confessed the said treason, & al
things conteined in the said indictment to be true, whereupon iudge-
ment was as grim̄ agaynst the same sir William Sharington accordingly
as in such case of treason appertaineth. So that the same sir William
is and stande attainted of treason, as by the record thereof more
at large it appeareth.

And also the same sir William falsly and craftelously in the monethis
of May, June, July, in the said first yere of the reigne of our said soue-
raigne Lorde the kyng, of his owne auctoritie without any warrant,
or auctoritie from our said soueraigne Lord the king, and against his
highes prohibitions to him had and made, did make, forge, and coun-
terfaict and besides the saide summe of iij.M. pounds mentioned
in the said record, a certeine coine like to the said kinges coine, called Tes-
tons, amounting in the whole to the summe of x.M. pounds, or there-
about. And likewise the same sir William most falsly & vntruelye hath
deceyued and defrauded the kinges Maiestie in the chippinges & shea-
ringes of the kinges coine, making thereby the same to light, ouer and
besides his tem̄dy, and conuerted the same to his owne vse, profit and
commoditie, to the hurt, losse & damage of the kynges Maiestie, aboue
the summe of iij.M. pounde at the least. And the said sir William Sha-
rington at such times when the monethly bookes and voyages concer-
ning the making of the kings coine were brought vnto him, he vsed al
waies to striue out as much as hee thought good. And to the entent hee
might the better so do, he falsifyed the endentures & writings, making
from time to time at his pleasure newe bookes, & burned the olde boo-
kes, which might iustly haue charged him, wherein albeit he is not a-
ble to expresse to what summes he deceiued the kinges Maiestie, yet by his
owne declaration and confession, it amounteth to a notable summe, &
to such a summe as he confesseth, that all that hee hath is not able to re-
compence the king. For confirmation therefore of the same attaindor, &
for the more speedy suertie of the kinges Maiestie, touching the forfey-
ture and actuall and real possession of all such Castles, manors, landes,
tenementes, and hereditamentes which the saide sir William had the
said .v. day of July, in the saide first yere of the reigne of our saide soue-

reigne Lord the king, as at any time sithēce. And also for the forfaiture of all such goods, catteis, and debtes, as was the same sir William the said viii. daye of Febuary. Be it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne Lord with thassent of the Lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preset parliament assembled, and by the auctheority of the same, that the said sir William Sharington for the traiterous forgyng and counterfaiting of the kinges coines aforesaid, shalbe by thauctheritie of this present Parliament, adiudged & deemed a traytor, and attainted of treason, and shal suffer such paines as in such cases of treason hath bene vsed. And that also the same sir William Sharington shal forfait to the king al such castles, manoirs, landes, tenements, offices, fees, annuities, and other hereditamēts whatsoeuer the same sir William was seased or possessed of, in fee simple, fee tail, for terme of yeres in his owne right the said x. day of July, in the said first yere of the reigne of our saide soueraigne Lord king Edwarde the first, or at any tyme sythens. And all such goodes, catteis, and debtes, as the said sir William had the viii. daye of Febuary. And that al the said castles, manoirs, landes, tenementes, fees, annuities, and other hereditamēts shalbe by thauctheritie of this present Parliament, adiudged, vested, deemed in the actual and real possession of the king our soueraigne lord from the said viii. day of Febuary in the said third yeare of the reigne of our saide soueraigne Lorde, without any office or inquisition to be thereof had or founde.

Prouided alwaies & be it enacted by thauctheritie aforesayde, that sir Anthony Hungerforde knight and his heires, shall haue, hold, and enioy the Manor of Leigh, with thappurtenances in the countie of Wiltshire, which the same sir William at the speciall request of the said sir Anthony Hungerforde, as well for xl. acres and a halfe of lande, as for lx. acres of wast grounde & woodes, with thappurtenances in Corsham & Westham within the roitie of Esser, assured by the same sir Anthony Hungerforde to the kinges highnes and his heires, as for diuerse summes of money paied by the said sir Anthony, did receiue, haue & take by the kyngs letters patentes, dated the xxi. day of September, in the second yeare of the reigne of our said soueraigne Lord the kinge, to the entent to make an estate therof in fee simple, to the saide sir Anthony and to his heires: the said act and ordre before the said commissioners of Oyer & Terminer, or this present act, or any thing in them or any of them contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also and be it ordeined and enacted by the auctheority aforesaide, that all and euery suche person and persones whych at the fourtenth day of July, or at any tyme sythens, and before the thirde daye of January, in the seconde yere of the reigne of our said soueraigne Lord the kyng, hath had and obtained by lawfull graunt, gift, feoffement, or other assurance, any manors, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes

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of inheritaunce vnder vs but that the said Dame Grace Sherington, shall enioye at her election, haue, iemoy, and possesse all such landes as be holden of vs, in as ample maner, fourme, and condicion, as she or they myght haue had the same if no attainder had ensued, any lawe, statute, or ordynaunce to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouyded also, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that this acte nor any thyng therein contayned, shall not in any wyse extende to the said Dame Grace Sherington to demaund any dower of, in, or to any manors, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, whyche sir William Sidney or executors, shall stande seased of, in trust or confidence, whereof he had before the said xxiij. daye of Februarye made any estate, or to the vse of the same sir William Sidney or of any estate or other interest vnder or to any other person or persons.

The xxviij. Chapiter.

An act for the attainder of Sir Thomas Seymour knight, Lord Seymour of Sudley, late Admirall of England.

TO their most humble wise beseechen your most excellent Maiestie, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, That where sir Thomas Seymour knight, lorde Seymour of Sudley, late Admirall of Englande, not hauing God before his eyes, nor regardyng the bandes which by nature, benefites and allegeaunce he owed to your highnes, not being content with honourable state and condicion, wherevnto your Maiestie hath called and indued him with, replenished and filled with the most daungerous, insatiable, and vnsatisfiable desire of ambicion and greedines of rule, auctoritie, and dominion, did in the first yeare of your most noble and victorious reigne, determine and resolue with him selfe, to take into his handes your most royall person, & the same to place by violence, (wealth) or other dishonest meanes in his possession, both the order, rule, and gouernement of your Maiesties Realmes, Dominions, and subiectes, whyche were then that tyme, as well by your Royall assent, as by the content and liberall aduise of all your estates and counsaile, wherevnto he the said Lorde Admirall was one, otherwise ordered, decreed, & determined by the lawes whereof, and by the moste prudent foresight and direction of your graces deceased vncle the Duke of Somersete, gouernor of your Maiesties most royal person, and dyuerse of your highnes Realmes, dominions & subiectes, being the said Admirall disappointed of his malicious enterpryse: The same Admirall continuing nathelesse his great ambition, and most detestable, malicious and traiterous purpose, thinking

bing by tumult & violence, openly to atchiue that thing which by sleyght he could not secretly compasse, trauailed with your Maiestie being yet for your tender yeres not able to conceaue his falshed, by crafty & subtile and traiterous meanes and perswasions, hauing alls prepaced & drawn your grace by corruption, & by persons, to be instrumentall to bring towards al his naughtie traiterous purposes, to haue caused your grace at his contemplation to haue written a bill or letter of your Maiesties owne hande, to your high court of Parliamēt, desiring the same therein to be good vnto the sayd Lord Seymor, in suche sorte & maner as he should open & declare vnto them, which bill or letter the same Lord Admiral thought and determined not only to haue perfourmed & brought into the nether house of your said court of parliament, but also to haue likewise opened the same in the higher house, hauing secretly the same houses laboured, stirred & moued a number of persones of their part and to ioyne with him, in such thinges as hee would haue to be enterprise, whereby he thought to bryng such a tumult, uproare, & feare vnto alwell in the said court, as in the whole Realme, as by the troubling of the whole state and bodie of this your realme he might the more safely and easely bring to passe his most fearefull, deuilish & naughtie purpose: For the more sure & certaine compassing whereof, like as he feared not to lay to certayne noble men and others, that he would make the blackest Parliamēt that euer was sene here in England, so most horrible terrible for the further accomplishmēt of his detestable enterprise, he prepared a great number of men, & prepared great furniture of weapons & habilliments of warre, ready for the execution of his said traiterous intemprises. And to colour and cloke his said mischeuous purposes, both by all suche wayes and meanes as he could possibly deuise & imagine, practise as it were for his entrie towardes the same, to seeke and obtaine the gouernment of your moste noble person, and therby to haue gotten into his handes the order of your realmes & dominions, and to be aduised in such sorte, as he dyd euen then trauaile expressly with the most part of your highnes most honorable counsaile, to depriue him of the said gouernment, doing likewise al that he could in the parliamēt by himselfe, his seruants and ministers, not onely to hinder and let all things there preponed, which touched the honour, dignitie, and benefite of your Maiestie and the Realme. But also spreading abrode slaunderous tales touching your Maiesties person, your deere Vncle the said Lord Protector, and the whole state of your counsail, euer vsing, slaunderous & vnmeete to be here recited, which things being by the goodnes of God reuealed, as your said Vncle the Lord Protector would not chose, but hartely lament the said Lord Admirals euil, traitorous, and corrupt disposition, chiefly in respect of the apparaunt and vnresistable daunger, which was like by the same pretensed to haue ensued to your Maiestie, and to your realmes and dominions, and secondly for

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he was most bounden. The said Lord Protectour laboured with
whole trauaile and other paine, to reconcile & reforme him, whiche
lastly ensueth, haue perished in his folly & outrage. And albeit the
Lord Protector had thereof full knowledge of all the attemptes,
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ward hee had before plotted, that hate & euill will so deepely in his
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semblied good minde & purpose, but began a fresh to imagine, compa
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should be the monethly out of your Maiesties mynte at Bulloin, howbeit
he had not agreed with all your reasons in the same, by the meanes and
wisdom of sir William Sherington Knight, Vicetreasorer there, to pre-
uent his vnnaturall deuilement which sir William now late sendeth arraigned
and conuicted and put your graces castell of the Hole, wherein he
made his residence, vnder the keepinge of a trusty man, for the
preuention of all inconuenience, malice, deceites, and great
summe of money, for the feedinge and entertainement of a number of
souldiers, should be called to be leuied and taken vnder the peace
of the same Hole, hauinge also for the better atchiuinge of his
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your person in marriage, to a noble mans daughter of this your realme.
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he had obtayned with all your treasure in the same, by the meanes and
assent of sir William Shorington Knight, Threasorer there, to be
at his commaundement, which sir William nowe standeth attainted
for the same. And had also put your graces castel of the Holt, wherein be
many riche iewelles, euen nowe of late in a readines, and there caused to
be prepared great furniture of wheate, malte, beefes, and a great
store of mutton, for the feedynge and entertainement of a number of
men, whiche he entended to be leuied and taried halfe the yeare
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faithfull ſubiectes and ſeruauntes, a ſpeciall grace to reſiſt, aboue com-
mon reaſon & all expectation, and moſt graciouſly without any adui
of counſaile to refuſe and deny his euill aduertiſements and perſuad-
ons. And further the ſaid admiral did moſt falſly and trayterouſly co-
ſpire ſundry of your highnes priuie Chamber, with many gifts and
otherwiſe, to ſhuffle or they ſhould moue and procure your Maieſtie, t
write ſundry letters at his or their deuyſes, and to put into your gra-
ces head, a ſpeciall & ſingular fauour, affection & truſt to your bs ſim-
& a diſpoſition to folow whatſoeuer he would haue wrought towards
all others, that hee might the eaſier haue compaſſed his moſte trayte-
rous purpoſe, which muſt needes haue tended to your maieſties deſtru-
ction, which God forbid) & to y^e vtter ruine of all bs your highnes moſt
louing, faithfull & obedient ſubiectes. For moſte gracious ſouereigne
Lord beſides all this it is moſt euident and apparant, that as imme-
diatly after the late king your fathers death of moſt noble memory, he bare
a ſpeciall loue & fauour to your graces ſiſter the Lady Elizabeth, ſeru-
uerſon in the remainder of the ſtate of ſucceſſion to the crowne of this
realme after your Maieſtie, and the heires of your bodye, whom the ru-
ning God long meterne vnto bs, with diuerſe of much ſtate, it would
then of his great preſumption and trayterous determinacio haue ma-
ried her, if he coulde by any meane haue brought to paſſe the ſame, but
that he was ſtayed by the ſaid Lorde protector, and other of your gra-
ces Counſaile. So he did not onely continue in his ſaid determinacion
towards her, in the Queene his late wiues time, but alſo by diuers ſe-
cret and crafty meanes and practiſes, continually ſought by ſtedying
of the ſame ſithens the Queenes death, as by ſundry waies is credibly
& apparently. In ſo muche as the ſame being perceiued by your ſaid lo-
ueli vncle, and ſome other beſides of your Counſaile, & other perſon-
ges of reputacion, and the ſaide Admirall by them earneſtly aduiſed to
beware of it, and to forbeare his pretenced purpoſe, ſpecially for that it
could not be but daungerous, to your graces perſon, hee hath not bin
afraide to defende his naughty doinges and purpoſe in it, and to alle-
ge why he ſhould not continue his ſute towardes the ſaide Lady Eliza-
beth, with ſundry other wordes, declaring his ful intent and determi-
nations to it, & neglecting all good aduiſes, reaſons, and admoniſions
made, geuen or alleaged, cotrary to his purpoſe, he hath ſecretly & earn-
eſtly folowed it, in ſuch ſort as if ſundrie other his miſchieuous deuy-
ſes and practyſes had not appeared, & come to knowledge, it is euident
that he would haue done what he coulde, ſecretlye to haue maried her,
as he did the late Queene, whom it may appere he maried firſt, & after
ſued to your Maieſtie, and the Lord Protector, and your Counſail, for
his preferment to it, whom neuertheleſſe it hath ben credibly declared,
he holpe to her ende, to haſte forwardes his other purpoſe, But what-
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s mariage of your laide lister with his prepared forces & confedera-
s should meane, and what the getting of the rule and order of your
aiesties Wynte at Bristoll, into his handes, with x. thousand men,
ich besides all his frendes, & diuers reteignerts, he accompted him-
e furnished of, and able to make all times within his owne rules, &
ys owne seruaunts and tenauntes shoulde tende vnto for the wa-
s and entertaignementes of whom he had prepared, as is aforesayd
sidering that the said Admiral at all time when occasion of the ser-
e of your Maiestie was necessarie or requisite, went alwayes backe
refused to take it vpon him, whether it were by Sea or Land as
r graces counsail both know, and diuers times haue lamented, and
hat case trauailed with him (in vaine) to bring him vnto it, wherby
good minde or will of him towards your Maiesties safetie, or assu-
nce can appeare. And vpon all these sinister waies & meanes, what
corrupt & subtle attemptes of gettinge your most noble person into
hands, by colour wherof he might haue wrought what he woulde
whatsoeuer his ambicious entent coulde haue deuised with hys pre-
rations of victualls and money, and other his saide doinges at your
de graces Castle of the Holte, & in the parties thereaboutes, woulde
ue wrought in the end, specially in this tender age of your highnesse
d whilest your Maiestie is in the gouernement of a Protector, It is
refull to consider & thinke vpon, & cannot otherwise be taken, but to
in deede more then a manifest declaration of a trayterous aspiringe
your crowne of this Realme, and to be king of the same, and an ope
e & act, and a false and traiterous compasse and imagination to de-
e and depriue your Maiestie frō your royall estate and title of your
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e founded to the lett and impediment of his most trayterous & am-
ous enterprise.

nd further gracious soueraigne Lord to declare the traiterous dis-
tion of his nature, & how litle he cared to offend your graces lawes,
w he did yet lesse regard hys trueth & duety towardes your grace,
here William Sharington knight, late of London, the x. day of Iu-
in the first yeare of your graces reigne, hath in the countie & citie of
istol, falsly & traiterously forged & counterfaited certain of your gra-
coigne, and further embeseled and purloyned from your Maiestye
truely and falsly e at the least the summe of xl. M. pounds, for parte
hereof the same sir William Sharington vpon his own confession
ttainted of treason accordinge vnto your graces lawes, to whiche
d trayterous actes, the said Lord Admirall did not onely abbet and
cure the same sir William Sharington, labouring him y he shoulde
t as much money from time to time into hys handes for his purpose
e could, so that he might euer haue a good masse in a readines, but

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also sith the time of the sayd treasons & traiterous actes, so done by the
said sir William Sharington: The said Lord Admiral hauing perfect
knowledge thereof, aswel by the declaration of the moste parte of your
highnes counsaile, as by some of his owne counsail learned, hath traite-
rously comforted, ayded, assisted, and maintained the sayd sir William
Sharington in his said traiterous acte and faultes against your gra-
ces lawes and statutes of this realme, taking the patent, indentures,
bookes and reckenings of ỳ same sir William Sharingtō, of his owne
aucthority into his custodye, & affirming both to sundry of your graces
counsaile, and to diuers of your subiectes, that the sayde Sharington
had wrong to be committed, deuising all the wayes he could possibly,
cōtrary to his dutie and allegeāce, traiterously to beare him in his euil
and trayterous doynges, and to deliuer him, if he by any meanes might
haue commen by him.

And for a further proofe to induce ỳ the said Admiral did mayntayne
& comfort the same Sharington, where the saide Admirall ought to
said Sharington ij.M.viij.C.li. the sayd Sharington vpō a misdeme
which he had before his apprehēcion, that he should for hys fault & pro-
cedings come one day to his trial and examination, communicating ỳ
same which the said lord Admiral, the said Admiral agreed & promised
not onely to ayde and maintaine, and beare him to the vttermost of his
power, as in dede he did, both as is aforesayde, and in consulting with
learned men for him, and otherwise: But also for his more assured aide
being indebted to the sayde Sharington the summe of ij.M.viij.C.li.
vntruely conspired with the said Sharyngton vpon a bill, whereby it
appeared that the said Sharington should owe vnto him the summe of
ij.M. pounde with interestes, so as the said Admiral might helpe & re-
lieue him with that ij.M. pound with ỳ interest at your maiesties hand
as a debt vnto himselfe. And also with ij.M.viij.C. pound whiche the
said Admiral ought in deede to the said Sharington, amounting in the
whole to v.M.vi.C. pound, which bil most vntruly and to the maintē-
nance and fauour of the said Sharington, the sayd Lord Admiral af-
firmed before the said Lord protector and your highnes counsaile, to be
a true bill, and the same ij.M.viij.C. pounde with the interest to be his
iust debt, and so was taken, vntil the saide Sharington, him selfe con-
fessed and affirmed ỳ trueth, whereby the couin and falshed playne
appeared to the contrary.

Finally most gracious louerayne Lorde, it were to much and ouer
tedious to moleste and trouble your excellent Maiestie, eyther with the
remēbrance of his euil doinges in his office of the Admiraltie, wherein
he hath so manifestly receipted, maintained, aided & cōforted sundry
pirates, and taken to his owne vse the goodes piratously taken against
your lawes, and expressely against the orders determined by the Lord
Protector & the whole Counsail, whereunto his owne hand hath bene

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for the restitucion of them, whereby he hath moued, almost all Princes Christian, to conceiue a grudge and displeasure, and by open warres to seeke remedies at their owne handes, to the great trouble and daunger of your Maiestie, your Realmes & dominions, and to the great charge, losse, and disquiet of your most lounge and faithfull subiectes, and to the perill of breaking of the Leagues, and treaties of amitie, betwixte your Maiestie & other forreine Princes, as their Ambassadors there haue plainely declared, & as present experience teacheth. Dr to expelle his innumerable vntruethes, fallhodes, & deceiptfull practises, discouering & opening of your Maiesties counsailes, refusal to serue your highnes, as he hath bene commaunded, oppression & manifest extorcion of your Maiesties subiectes, vling Ireland & other voyages by the seal, And his determination of reuenge towardes all men, with whom he was offended, which his owne letters and other testimonies doe declare against him, with a full resolution, to haue put the whole of his intent, shortly in experience and execution (if God had not preuented it) to the distraction of your most royal person, and the subuersion and alteration of the whole state of your Realmes and dominions. Wherefore considering as well that he is a member so vnnatural, vnkinde and corrupt, and such a heynous offendour of your Maiestie and your lawes, as he cannot nor may conuenientely be suffered to remayne in the bodie of your graces common wealth, but to the extreme daunger of your highnes, being the head, and of all the good members of the same, and is so pernicious & daungerous an example, that such a person so much bound and so forgetfull of it, so mercyfully heretofore entreated, and by sundry and great benefites allured and called, and so cruelly and ingrately, continuing in his false and trayterous intentes and purposes, against your highnes, and the whole estate of your Realme, should remayne amonge vs.

It may therefore please your excellent Maiestie, that it may be enacted with your highnes assent, the Lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same: That the said Sir Thomas Seymour knight, Lord Seymour of Sudley, high Admiral of Englande, for the said traiterous offences and deedes, made by the authoritie of this present Parliament attainted & attainted of high Treason. And that the same Sir Thomas Seymour knight, Lord Seymour of Sudley, high Admiral of England, shall haue, suffer and sustaine such paines of death, as traitors of high treason haue bene vsed and accustomed. And that the said Lord Seymour of Sudley shall forfeit vnto your Maiestie, and your heires, all such Castelles, mannors, landes, tenementes, meadowes, leases, pastures, woodes, waters, rentes, reuersions, seruices, offices, fees, annuities, and all other hereditaments, goodes, catteles, and debtes, whatsoeuer the same Lord Seymour, had, enioied or was

ſe ꝛzed or poſſeſſed of, at the xviij. day of January, in the ſeconde yere of your graces Reigne, or at any time ſince.

And that all ſuch Caſtels, mannors, landes, tenements, meadowes, ſoiles, paſtures, woodes, waters, rentes, reuerſions, ſeruices, offices, fees, annuities, and other hereditamentes, to bee by aucthoritie of this preſent act, adiudged, veſted, and deemed, in the actual and real poſſeſſion of your highnes, from the ſaid xviij. day of January, without any office or inquiſicion to be thereof had or found. Sauing to all and euery perſon and perſons, and bodies politique and corporate, and to their heires, aſſignes, and ſucceſſors, and to euery of them, other then the ſaid Lord Seymour of Sudley, and his heires, al ſuch rightes, titles, intereſtes, vſes, poſſeſſions, reuerſions, remainders, entres, conditions, leaſes, fees, offices, rentes ſeruices, rents charges, rents ſecke, annuities, commons, & all other commodities, profites, and hereditaments whatſoeuer they or any of them, had, might, or ought to haue had, if this preſent act had neuer bene had nor made.

Furthermore, the kinges Maieſtie is pleaſed that it be enacted, that all perſon and perſons, bodies politique and corporate, and their executours and adminiſtrators, ſhalbe well & truely contented & paied, vpon their humble ſuite and peticion hereafter to be made vnto his highnes of al ſuch debtes, which eyther by eſpecialtie, or by any other iuſt & true contract, the ſaid Lord Admirall did owe to them, or any of them at any time before the ſaid xviij. day of January, in the ſaid ſecond yere of his Maieſties reigne.

¶ The xix. Chapiter.

An Acte for the abſtinence from Fleſhe.

Albeit, the kinges ſubiectes now hauing a more perfect and clere lyght of the Goſpell, and true word of God, through the infinyte mercie and clemency of almightie God, by the handes of the kinges Maieſtie, and hys moſt noble father, of famous memorie, promulgate, ſhewed, declared, and opened, and thereby perceyuing that one day, or one kind of meate of it ſelfe, is not more holie, more pure, or more cleane then another, for that all dayes and all meates, bee of their nature of one equall puritie, cleanes and holynes, and that all men ſhould by them lyue, to the glorie of God, and at all times, and for all meates, geue thankes vnto him, of which meates none can defile a Chriſtian man, or make them vncleane at any time, to whom all meates be lawfull and pure, ſo that they do not vſe in diſobedience and vice: Yet foraſmuch as dyuers of the kinges ſubiectes, turning their knowledge therein to ſatiſfie their ſenſualitie, where they ſhould thereby increaſe in vertue, haue of late time more then in times paſte, vſed and contemned ſuche abſtynence

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which haue bene vsed in this Realme, vpon the Frydaies and Saterdayes, the Embring daies, and other daies commonly called Vigilles, and in the time commonly called Lent, & other accustomed times: the kinges Maiestie considering that due & godly abstinence, is a meane to vertue, and to subdue mens bodies, to their soule & spirit: & considering also specially that Fishers, and men vsing the trade of lyuing by fishing in the Sea, may thereby the rather be set on worke, and that by eating of fishe much flesh shalbe saued and increased, and also for diuers other considerations, and commodities of this Realme, doth ordein and enact with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that all maner of statutes, lawes, constitutions, & vsages, concerninge any manner of fastinge or abstinence from any kindes of meates, heretofore in this Realme made or vsed, shal from the first day of May next ensuing, lose their force and strength, and be voide and of none effect. And also that no person or persons of what estate, degree or condicion hee or they bee, shall at any time after the saide first daye of May, in the yere of our Lord God, M. D. xlix. willingly and wittingly eate any manner of Flesh, after what maniere or kinde or sort it shalbe ordred, dressed, or vsed, vpon any Fryday or Saterday, or the Embring dayes, or in any day in the time commonly called Lent, nor at any such other day, as is or shalbee at any time hereafter commonly accepted and reputed as a Fysshe day, within this Realme of Englande, wherein it hath bene commonly vsed for to eate fysshe and not flesshe, vpon payne that euery person eating any maner of flesshe vpon any of the sayde dayes or tymes prohibited by this acte, to forfayte for the first flesh offence, tenne shillinges of lawfull money of Englande, and also to suffer imprisonment by the space of tenne dayes, and during the time of his or her said imprisonment, to abstaine from eatinge of any maner of flesshe.

And if any person, after he shalbee lawfully conuict of any offence contrary to this acte, do or shall offende, contrarie to this act, and be thereof lawfully conuict, that then euery person so offending the second time shall for his second offence forfait xx s. of lawfull money of England, & also suffer imprisonment by the space of xx. dayes, and duringe the time of his or her said imprisonment, to abstaine from eating of any manner of flesh, and so lyke peine and imprisonment as often as he or she afterwardes shall offende.

And furthermore it is ordeyned & enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that Justices of Gaole delyuerie, or Justyces of peace, in all and singuler Counties, cities, townes corporate, and other places within this Realme of Englande, and other the kinges Dominions, shall haue full power and auctoritie to enquyre, heare, and determine, all and all maner offences that shalbe committed or done contrarie to this act, in

lyke maner and fourme, as they may inquire, heare, and determine any
trespas, or other offence against the kinges peace, committed or done,
within the limits or place where they then shalbe Justices of Gaole de-
liuery or Justices of peace. And the moitie of euery such forfaiture shal
be extreated vnto the Court of therrhequer, in lyke maner and fourme,
as fines for any trespas or other offence committed against the kynges
peace, ought or should be extreated. And the other moitie of the said for-
faiture, shalbe to him that will sue for the same, by bill, plaint, informa-
tion, or otherwise, in any of the kings Courtes of recorde, in which no
essoine, protection, or wager of law shalbe allowed.

Prouided alwayes, and be it ordeyned and enacted by thauctheritie
aforesaid, that this act or any thing therein contened, shall not in any
wise extend to any person or persons, that heretofore hath, or hereafter
shall haue obteyned, any licence of our soueraigne Lord the kinge, his
heires or successors, nor to any person being in great age, & in debilitie
and weaknes thereby, nor to any person being sicke, or notablie hurt,
without fraude or couyne, during the time of his or her said sickines, nor
to any woman being with childe, or lying in chylde bed, for eating of
such one kinde of flesshe, as he shall haue great lust vnto, nor to any per-
son being in prison, for any other offence, then for any offence contrary
to this act, neyther to any that is or hereafter shalbe the kings highnes
Lieutenant, deputy, or captaine of any his Maiesties army, hold or for-
tresse, but the same them selues may eate flesshe, and lycence and permit
their souldiers, to do the same in times prohibited, vpon the want and
lacke of other kinde of victual. Neyther shall extend to saint Laurence
euen, saint Markes day, or any other day or euen, being abrogate, nei-
ther to any such as heretofore haue obteyned any licence, in due fourme
of the Archbishop of Caunterbury.

And further be it enacted by auctheritie aforesaid, that al Archbishops
Bishops, Archdeacons, and their officers, or the officers of any of them
shal haue power to enquire of thoffendors in the premisses, and presint
the same to such from time to time, as by vertue of this acte haue au-
thoritie to heare and determine the same.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted, that no maner of person or per-
sons, be impeched, molested, or troubled, or shall incurre any peine, pe-
naltie, or forfeyture, for any offence, contrarie to the acte before rehear-
sed, committed or done, except he or they be accused, couented, or indi-
cted, of & for the said offence, according to the tenor of this statute, with
in three monethes, next after the committing of the said offence.

The xx. Chapiter.

An Act for the qualifying of the statute of Recusantes.

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WHere in the Parliament holden vppon prorogation at Weſtminſter the thirde day of Nouember, in the xxvj. yeare of the Raigne of the moſt excellent Prince king Henry the eight, father to our Soueraigne Lorde the kinges Maieſtie that nowe is, amongſt other thinges concerning the payment of one annual pencyon of the tenth part of all poſſeſſions of the Church ſpirituall and temporall graunted to the kinges highnes and his heires. It was enacted, ordeyned, and eſtabliſhed, that euery eccleſiaſticall perſon and other hauinge any eccleſiaſticall promocion or dignitie ſpecified in the ſaid act, whiche did not duely pay the ſaide tenth part, and by reaſon thereof, were certified by the Archbiſhop, Biſhop, or other auctho[r]ized in the ſaide acte, ſhould vppon ſuch certificate made, accordinge to the tenour of the ſaide acte, bee iudged, depriued, ipſo facto, of all ſuch dignities and promocions ſpirituall, that any ſuch incumbent making ſuch default, had at the time of ſuch certificat made, or at any time after, as by the ſaid acte more plainely may appere. Foraſmuch as the peyne limitted in the ſaide ſtatute, in ſuch forme and maner, as in the ſame is expreſſed, is verie ſore and daungerous vnto all the faythfull and obedyent ſubiectes of the Clergie, whereof dyuers ſithen the makinge of the ſaid eſtatute, intending none otherwiſe then moſte willingly, and with good hart, that payment ſhould be made of the ſaid tenthes by them due, without fraude or delay, to ſuch Officers, and that at ſuch tyme as by the ſaid ſtatutes is appointed and declared, by the default and negligence of their fermours, and other whom they haue truſted to make payment thereof, and by diuers other ſynniſter meanes being certified, or making default of payment, haue incurred the peine & daunger of the ſayde eſtatute, with the loſſe or depriuations of all the ſpirituall promocions, whereof they were then incumbents, being alſo made vnhable to take any other, to the vtter vndoing of ſuch perſons, and the lyke peril and daunger of many other the kinges moſt humble and faithful ſubiectes of the clergie, againſt whom the like thinges may be practiſed and attempted hereafter. For the moderation of whyche peine, and to the end that the kinges Maieſty our ſouereigne Lord that now is, and his heires and ſucceſſors, may be truely anſwered & ſatiſfied of the ſaid yerely pencion or annual rent for the tenth part, vnyted and knite to his Imperiall Crowne, in maner and fourme, as in the ſaid act is conteyned.

The kinges ſaid faythfull and moſt obedyent ſubiectes the Clergy of this Realme, do moſt humbly beſeeche his Maieſtie, that it may be enacted and eſtabliſhed by his highnes, the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the auctho[r]itie of the ſame: that if any ſumme of the ſaide annual pencion being once due & demaunded, accordinge to the maner and fo[r]me ſpecified in the ſaid acte, be not truely contented and paide vnto ſuche

Archbishop, or Bishop, or their Ministers and officers, or to suche other persone or persons, or their ministers or seruauntes as shall haue the charge and collection thereof, euery yere yerely, at the time of the said acte expressed, and thereupon certificate made, into the kinges Maiesties court of first fruites and tenthes, in writing vnder the seales of euery Archbishop or Bishoppe, or of suche as be limitted and charged to the collection of the saide pencion, by the said former acte, then euery Incumbent so making default and certified, shalbe iudged depryued ipso facto, of that onely dignitie, benefice, or other ecclesiasticall promocion, by what name soeuer it be called, whereof such certificat shalbe made, so that suche dignitie, benefice, or other ecclesiastical promocion, whereof any Incumbent making such default of payment, shalbe adiudged, depryued, as is aforesaid, shalbe clerely voide, destitute of Incumbent, in the law, to al intentes and purposes, as if such Incumbent, makynge such default of payment were deade in deede. And that no Incumbent making such default of payment, shalbe therfore made vnhable to take or enioy, any other benefice or promocion spirituall, or incurre any penaltie, forfeiture, or losse, to be paied by them, their executors or assignes for the same default, other then in this present acte is heretofore expressed: any thing in the said former act, or any other statutes or actes conteyned to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Prouided alway, that the said former act, concerning the payment of the said yerely rent and pencion, amounting to the tenth part of euery such dignitie, benefice, or promocion spirituall, and euery other acte touching the same, and all articles, clauses & sentences in them, or any of them, mencioned, expressed, or conteyned, now being in his or their force & effect, other then such as by this present act be already qualified or moderated, shal stand and abyde in all his or their full strength, effect & vertue: any thing in this present act conteyned, notwithstanding.

The xxj. Chapiter.

An Act to take away all politine Lawes, made against the Marriage of Priestes.

ALthough it were not onely better, for the estimation of Priests & other ministers in the church of God, to liue chast, sole, & seperate frō the company of women & the bond of marriage, but also thereby they might the better intende to the administration of the gospel & be lesse intricated and troubled with the charge of houshold being free & vnburdened frō the care & coll of finding wife & childre. And that it were most to be wished, that they would willingly of their selues endeuor themselfe to a perpetual chastity

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and abstinence, from the vse of women: Yet forasmuch as the contrarie hath rather ben seene, & such vncleannes of liuing, and other great inconueniences, not meete to be rehearsed, haue followed of compelled chastitie, & of such lawes, as haue prohibited those (such persons) the godly vse of marryage: It were better and rather to be suffered in the common wealth, that those which could not conteine, should after the counsaile of Scripture, liue in holie marriage, then formerly vsed with worse enormitie outward chastitie or single life. Be it therefore enacted by this present king our Lord the king, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that al and euery Law and Lawes, Politike, Canonike, Constitucions, & Ordinances heretofore made by the auctoritie of man onely, which doth prohibite or lette any marryage to any ecclesiastical or spiritual person or persons, what estate, condition or degree they be, or by what name or names soeuer they be called, which by Gods lawe may lawfully marrie, in all and euery article, branche, and sentence, concerning onely the prohibicion for the marriage of the persons aforesaid, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect. And that al manner of forfaitures, peynes, and penalties, crymes, or actions, which were in the saide Lawes conteyned, and of the same ensuing, concerning the prohibition for the marryage of the persons aforesaide, be clerely and vtterly voyde, frustrate, and of none effect, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, as well concerning marryage heretofore made by any of the ecclesiasticall or spiritual persons aforesaide, as also such which hereafter shalbe duely and lawfully had, celebrated, and made, betwixt the persons, which by the Lawes of God may lawfully marrie.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this acte, or any thing therein conteyned, shal not extende to geue any libertie to any person, to marry without asking in the church, or without any ceremonie, being appointed by the Order prescribed & set forth in the Booke intituled, The booke of the Common prayer, and administration of the Sacramentes &c. any thing above mencioned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that this act, or any thing therin conteined, shal not extend to alter, chaunge, reuoke, repeale, or otherwise to disanull, any decree, iudgement, sentence, or deuorce, heretofore had or made, but that all and euery such decree, iudgement, sentence, and deuorce, shal remaine and be of such like force effect, strength, and degree, to all intentes, constructions, & purposes, as they were in, before the making of this acte, and as though this act had neuer been had nor made. This acte or any other thing therein conteyned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

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¶ The xxij. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte for the colouring of customes in other mens names.

WHere at the Parliament holden at Westminster in the first yeare of the Raigne of the noble kinge of famous memorie, Henry the viij. it was ordeyned, established & enacted by the aucthoritie of the said Parliament, that it should be lawfull from thens forth, that euery Englishman, & al other the kinges subiectes, might in euery Port & Hauen within this realme of England, Ireland, and Wales, and the Marches of the same, and in the Towne of Berwicke, where it should happen any Merchandise to arryue, or to be charged and caried out, to custome in his name al maner of goodes and merchandise of an other Englishman, or the kinges subiect. And in lyke fourme euery Merchant straunger, to custome in hys name any goodes or Merchandise of any other Merchant straunger, so that the sayde Merchaunt straunger, that customes the goodes of another Merchant Straunger, and the verie owner or Proprietorie of the goodes is customed, be charged with lyke custome, subsidie, and other thinges, so that the kinges grace were not defrauded of his ryght. And if any Merchaunt, straunger, or denizen, or anye other the kinges subiects custome any goodes or Merchaundise of any other straunger or Denizen, or of anye other the kinges subiecte, whereby the kinges grace should loose his custome, Subsidie, or other his right or Duetie, that then the said Merchant straunger, or Denizen, or any other the kinges subiect, that so taketh vpon him or them to do, should forfait to the kinge the goodes, or merchaundise so customed, and ouer that, to forfait to the partie or parties in that behalfe greeued, as much money as the goodes or merchaundise of the Merchant straunger, denizen or other the kinges subiect, so cauteously customed amounted vnto. And that no citizen of London, or other the kinges subiectes inhabiting in the Cinque Portes, or any other being free of Prisage or Butlarage of wynes, by graunt, custome, or otherwise, should custome no wynes of any person or persons, not being free of any Prisage or Butlarage: And if any person, free of the saide Prisage or Butlarage so dyd: that then the said person or persons that so dyd, should forfait to the kynge the double value of the Prisage of the saide wynes so customed: And further, that it should be lawfull to any person or persons greued contrarie to the saide acte, to haue an action of debt against any persons

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persones that so customed the goodes or merchandyes in hys name, and not in the owners name, of the same of the value of the said merchaundis so accustomed and forfaited. In the which action, none essoine nor protection should lye, nor the defendāt to wage his law, as by the said former act more at large doth appeare. Sithens the making of which act diuers persons aswell Straungers and Denizens, as the kinges subiectes, forgetting their bounden dueties to the kinges highnes, and nothing fearing the penalties and forfaitures, mencioned in the said former act, doe dayly deceiue the king, aswell in his customes & subsidies, by payment of customes & subsidies, in the names of suche persons, other then such as bee the very owners or proprietories of the goodes, wares, & merchandise, of the prisage and Butlarage of wynes due to the kinge. Wherefore be it ordeyned and enacted by the king our soueraigne Lord, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporal and the comunons in this present Parlyament assembled, & by the authoritie of the same, that if any Straunger borne, Denizen or not Denizen, or any the kinges subiectes do at any time, from, or after the laste day of March next comming, any thinge or acte, contrarie to the true meaning, tenor, and purport of the same former acte and statute: that then he and they so offending shall lose & forfait all his and theyr owne goods and cattels personalls for euer. The moitie of which forfaiture shalbe to the kinge, and the other moitie to him or them that will sue for the same, by byll, playnt, action of debt, or information, in which byll plaint, action, or information, no wager of law, essoin or protection shalbe admitted or allowed.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that euery such bill, plaint, action, or information shalbe had & pursued within three yeres next ensuyng, any such offence committed or done, or els the offendour to be clerely free and discharged thereof: any law or statute to the contrary had or made notwithstanding.

¶ The xxiij. Chapiter.

¶ An act for the repeale of a Statute touching precontractes.

WHereas in the xxxiij. yere of the raigne of the late kinge of famous memorie king Henry the eight, because that many inconueniences had chaunced in thys Realme, by breaking and dissoluing of good and lawfull maryages, yea where vpon also some time issue and children had followed, vnder the coulour and pretence of a former contracte made wyth another, the whiche contract diuers tymes was but verie slenderly proued, and often but surmysed by the malice of the partie, who desired to be desolued frō the maryage which they liued not, and to bee coupled wyth another: There was an acte

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made, that all and euery such maryages, as within the church of England, should be contracted & solempnized in the face of the Church, and consummate with bodylie knowledge or fruit of children or child being had betwene the parties so married, should be by auctoritie of the said parlyament deemed, iudged, & taken, to be lawfull, good, iust, & indissoluble, notwithstanding any precontract or precontractes of matrimonie not consummate with bodely knowledge, which eyther of the persons so married, or both, had made with any other person or persons, before the tyme of contracting that mariage which is solempnized or consummated, or whereof such fruit is ensued or may ensue, as by ỹ same act more plainly may appere. Sith the time of the which act, although the same was godly ment, the vnrulynesse of men, hath vngodly abused the same, & dyuers inconueniences (intollerable in maner to christian eares and eyes) followed thereupon, weomen & men, breaking their owne promises & faithes made by the one vnto the other, to sett vppon sensualitie and pleasure, that if after the contract of matrimonie, they might haue, whom they more fauoured and desired, they could be contented by lightnes of their nature, to ouerturne all that they had done afore, & not afeard in maner, euen from the very Church dore, and mariage feast, the man to take another spouse, and the espouse to take another husband, more for bodely iust & carnal knowledge, then for surety of fayth & trueth, or hauing God in their good remembrance, contemning many times also the commaundement of the Ecclesiastical iudge forbidding the parties hauing made the contract, to attempt or do any thing in preiudice of the same. Be it therfore enacted by the kinges highnes, the Lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, that as concerning precontractes, the said former statute shall from the first day of May next comming, cease, be repealed, and of no force or effect, and be reduced to the estate & order of the kinges Ecclesiastical lawes of this Realme, which immediately before the making of the saide estatute, in this case were vsed in this Realme, so that from the saide first day of May, when any cause or contract of marryage is pretended to haue bene made, it shalbe lawfull to the kinges Ecclesiastical Judge of that place, to heare and examyne the said cause, (and hauing the saide contract sufficiently and lawfully proued before him) to geue sentence for matrimony, commaunding solempnization, cohabitacion, consummation, & tractation, as it becommeth man and wife to haue, with inflicting all such peynes vppon the disobedyents and disturbers therof, as in times past before the said statute, the kings ecclesiastical Judge by the kinges ecclesiastical lawes, ought and might haue done, if the saide statute had neuer bene made: any clause, article, or sentence in the said statute, to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Prouyded alwaies, and be it enacted, that thys acte doe not extende

tend to disanull, dissolue, or breake any marriage that hath or shalbe so solempnizated & consummated, before the said first day of May next ensuyng, by tytle or colour of any precontract, but that they be, and be demed of like force & effect, to all intents, constructions, and purposes, as if this acte had neuer bene had ne made: any thing in this present acte notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that this acte do not extende to make good any of the other causes, to the dissolution, or disanulling of Matrimony, which be in the said act spoken of and disanulled: But that in all other cases and other thinges there mencioned, the said former acte of the xxvij. yere of the late king of famous memorie, do stand & remaine in his ful strength & power: any thing in this act notwithstanding.

¶ The xxiiij. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for the tryall of Murders and Felonies, committed in seuerall Counties.

Forasmuch, as the most necessarie Office and duetie of Law, is to preserue, and saue the lyfe of man, and condignely to punish such persons that vnlawfully, & wilfully murther, slea, or destroy men, and also that another office and duetie of law is to punish robbers and theeues, which dayly endeuour them selues, to robbe and steale, or geue assistance to the same, & yet by crafte and cautile, doe escape from the same, without punishment. And where it often happeneth and commeth in vre, in sundry counties of this Realme, that a man is feloniously striken in one countie, and after dyeth in another countie, in which case it hath not bene founden by the lawes or customes of this Realme, that any sufficient indictment thereof can be taken in any of the said two counties, for that by the custome of this Realme the Jurors of the Countie where such party dyed of such stroke, can take no knowledge of the said stroke, being in a forreine countie, although the same two Counties and places adioyne vericnere together; Ne the Jurors of the countie where the stroke was geuen, cannot take knowledge of the death in another coūty, although such death most apparantly, come of the same stroke: So that the kinges Maiestie, within his owne realme, cannot by any lawes yet made, be knowen, punish such murderers or manquellers, for offences in this same committed and done, nor any appeal at some time may lie for the same, but doth also fayle, and the said murderers and manquellers escape thereof without punishment, aswel in cases where the countyes, where such offences be committed and done, may ioine, as otherwyse where they may not ioine. And also it is a common practise among arrant theeues, and robbers in this Realme, that after they haue robbed & stollen in one Countie, they will conueyghe their spoyle or part therof so robbed and stollen, vnto some of their adherentes, into some

other

other countie, where the principal offence was not committed or done, who knowing of such felonie, willingly and by false couine, receyueth the same. In which case, although the principal felon be after attaynted in the one countie, the accessorie escapeth, by reason that he was an accessorie in an other Countie, and that the Jurors of the said other countie by any law yet made, can take no knowledge of the principall felonie, ne attaynder in the first countie, and so such accessories escape thereof vnpunished, and do often put in vre the same, knowing that they may escape wythout punishment. For redresse and punishment of which offences, and safegarde of mans life. Be it enacted by auctho-rytie of this present Parliament, that where any person or persons hereafter shalbe foloniously striken or poysoned in one county, and dye of the same stroke or poysoning in another countie, that then an Inditement thereof founden by Jurrours of the countie, where the death shal happen, whether it shalbe founden by the Crowner, vpon the sight of such dead bodie, or before the Justices of peace, or other Justices or Commissioners, which shall haue auctho-rytie to inquire of such offences, shall be as good and effectuall in the law, as if the stroke or poysoning had bene committed and done in the same countie, where the partie shall dye, or where such Indictment shalbe so founden: any law or vsage to the contrary notwithstanding. And that the Justices of Gaole deliuerie, and Oyer and terminer in the same countie, where such indictment at any time hereafter shalbe taken. And also the Justices of the kinges Bench, after such indictment shalbee remoued before them, shall and may proceede vpon the same, in all pointes, as they should or ought to doe, in case such felonious stroke and death thereby ensuying or poysoning, & death thereof ensuing, had growen in all one same countie. And that such partie to whom appeale of murder, shalbe geuen by the law, may commence, take, & sue appeale of murder, in the same countie, where the partie so feloniously striken or poysoned shal dye, as well against the principal and principals, as against euery accessory to the same offences, in whatsoeuer countie or place, the accessorie or accessories shalbee guilty to the same. And further the Justices before whom any such appeale shalbe commenced, sued, and taken, within the yere & day after such murder & manslaughter committed and done, shall proceede against all and euery such accessorie and accessories, in the same countie where such appeale shalbe so taken, in like maner & fourme, as if the same offence or offences of accessorie or accessories had bene committed and done in the same county where such appeal shalbe so taken, as well concerning the triall by the Jurors or xij. men of such county, where such appeal or appeales shalbe hereafter taken vpon the plee of not guilty, pleaded by such offendour or offendours, as other wise.

And further, be it enacted by auctho-rytie aforesaid, that where any murther or felony hereafter shalbe committed and done, in one coun-

tye

tie, and an other person or no shalbe accessory or accessories in any maner of wise, to any suche murther, or felony in any other Countie, that then an indictment founde or taken against such accessory & accessories vpon the circumstaunce of suche matter before the Justices of the peace, or other Justices or Commissioners, to enquire of felonies in the countrey where such offences of accessory or accessories in any maner of wise shalbe committed or done, shalbe as good and effectual in the lawe as if the said principall offence had ben commited or done within the same countie, where the same endictment against such accessory shalbe found. And that the Justices of gaole deliuerie, or Oyer & Terminer, or two of them, of or in such countie, where the offence of any such accessory shall be hereafter committed & done, vpon suite to them made, shall write to the Custos rotulorum, or keepers of the Recordes, where such principall shalbe hereafter attainted or conuict, to certifie thē whether such principal be attainted, conuicted, or other wise discharged of such principall felony, who vpon such writynge to them or anye of them directed, shall make sufficient certificat in writing vnder their Seale or Seales to ỹ sayd Justices, whether such principall be attainted, conuicted, or other wise discharged, or not. And after that they ỹ so shal haue ỹ custodyr of such Recordes, do certifie that suche principall is attainted, conuicted, or otherwise discharged of such offence by the lawe: That then the Justices of gaole deliuery, or of Oyer and Terminer, or other then auctho-rised, shal procede vpon every such accessory, in the countie where such accessory or accessories became accessory, in such maner and fourme, as if both the said principal offence & accessory had ben cōmitted & done in the said countie where the offence of accessory was or shalbe cōmitted or done. And that euery such accessory & other offēdors above expressed, shal aunswere vpon their arraigne[illegible], & receiue such triall, iudgement, order, & execution, & suffer such forfaitures, peines & penalties, as is vsed in other cases of felony, any lawe or custome to ỹ cōtrary here-tofore vsed, in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ The xvi. Chapiter.
¶ An Acte for the keeping of the Countie dayes.

WHere heretofore in ỹ most part of al shires & cōtīes wi-in this realme, a cōtie court is & hath ben vsually kept & holden frō moneth to moneth, & so at euery moneths end one cōtie, yet alwaies in some cōteies, (though not many) ỹ said cōtie courtes are holden from sixe weekes to sixe weekes by force whereof ỹ officers attendāt vpon ỹ[illegible] of the king, as meres for ỹ[illegible] at the howes & suche other cōmon places betwixt party and party, and by reason

& solicitors (who sue the same) not knowyng ỳ priuate custome of their patticuler shieres, which haue and vse their Counties to bee holden euery fyxe weekes, geue their proces like returne as in those shires where haue comune custome to holde, and kepe Countie Courtes euery moneth, wherby the kings lawes be not onely deferred, the pleintifes & demaundaunts delayed of their lawfull action and demaundes, but also the sayd plaintifes and demaundaunts thereby put to double cost and charge, to the great ignominie and slaunder of the lawe, encouraging of thoffendors and trangressours, and to the continual impouerishing of all those, who haue cause of sute.

In consideration wherof, be it enacted by the kinge oure soueregne Lord, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctholitie of the same, that from and after the first day of October next ensuinge this present session of parliament, no countie court or courts, hereafter to be kept within this Realme shalbee longer deferred but one moneth from court to court, but the sayde Courtes from henceforth shalbe kept euery moneth, & not otherwise: Any vsage, custome, statute, or lawe, heretofore had or made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, by thauctholitie aforesaid, that the sheriffe of Northumb. from henceforth shall kepe the coutie court of that shire in the Towne or castle of Alnewike, and in none other place: Any late vse lately begonne and brought in to the contrary notwithstanding.

The xxv. Chapiter.

An Act against the carying of white Alhes out of this Realme.

Considering that white Alhes made within the Realme, and other the kinges dominions & territories are verie necessarie and expedient for the makinge of Sope, and Salt Peter, and for the whiting of linnen Cloth, Dyeing and Scowring of woollen clothe, and for other the needfull thinges in the Realme, and that the same Alhes nowe of late haue beene commonlye ouerlayed ouer the Seas, and thereby enhaunced in price, and so that the kinges louing Subiectes, cannot haue sufficient of the same, and continuelle prices: Wherefore be it ordeyned and enacted by the kinges highnes, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by

An act for Fines with Proclamations in the Countie Palantine of Chester.

perfect assurance of all such persones, to whom any such lyuinges shall be
ued of any landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, which sayde be-
neficiall and necessarie statutes doo not extende to any lyuinges to be le-
ued within your said Countie Palantine of Chester: In tender con-
sideration wherof it may please your highnes, at the desire of your said
Subiectes, that it may
be enacted by your highnes, the Lordes spirituall and Temporall,
and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the au-
thoritie of the same, that all such singuler lyuinges, graunted or
after shalbe ratified or allowed before the Iustices of your
seuerall Courtes there, as of the pleas and
Palantine of Chester for the time being, & before
tenant, Iustices, &c. for the time being, &
other hereditamentes lying or being within the
ster of Chester, shall be also openly read
dayes in the open Sessions, in the presence of
Counsell Palantine of Chester for the time being, & before the
wicke, Iustices of Assise, at the Assises, that
shall not be vnder the engrossed. And also that shalbe openly
proclaimed in the presence of the Iustices of the said Countie Palantine
of Chester, as before the Iustices of Assise, that
time being, at their next generall Sessions that shall be holden
shall not be vnder the seales of Chester, before the Iustices of the same
the generall, as before the Iustices of Assise, that
impeaches the ingrossing and ingrolling of such fine as afore
dayes in such sort as is vsed, &c. Sessions, after such maner and forme
as is commonly vsed in the Kinges courte of common pleas of the fine
fter, shalbee of like force strength and effect in the lawe, to all intentes,
constructions & purposes, as fines levyed before the Kinges Iustices of his common pleas bee, or ought to
bee of.

The xxix. Chapiter.

An acte against Sodomy.

FOrsomuche as there is not at this present time, any sufficient & condigne punishment appointed by due course of the lawes of this Realme, for the detestable vice of Buggery. Be it therefore enacted by ỳ assent of the kings highnes, the Lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, that al and euery offendor or offendors in that crime, after the first daye of Aprill next ensuynge, beinge thereof conuicted or attainted by verdict, confession, outlarye, or otherwyse: shall sucker suche paines of death, without losse of goodes, or landes, or anie other commoditie, hys lyfe onely excepted, as felons conuicted or attainted of felony bene accustomed to doe, touching the said paines of death, by the common lawes of this Realme. And that no suche person shal enioy the priuilege or benefite of his or their Clergie or sanctuarie: And that the Justices of peace shall haue full power and aucthoritye within the limites of their commission & iurisdictions, to heare & determine the said offence, touching the sayde paynes of death, as they do & haue vsed to do in cases of felony: Sauynge to the wife and children, ỳ heires and successours and administratours of the saide offendour or offendours, and all other persones and bodies politique, other then the sayde offendour or offendours, all such right, title, claime, and interest, to all and euery the saide offendour or offendours, goodes, landes, and hereditamentes, as they or anye of them might haue or ought to haue had, if the saide offendour or offendours had dyed his or their naturall death, or had neither in this case, neither by anye other meane offended any of the kinges lawes.

Prouided that no maner of person, bee impeched or molested for the saide offence by reason of this present act, except the said person be endicted of the said offence within sixe monethes next and immediatelye folowing the time of committing the same. And that no person bee receiued for witnes, or to lay or geue euidence against the said offendour, as vpon whose credit thenquest should enfourme them self, which person should take any profite or commoditie by the death of the sayde offendour, if he were attainted or conuicted of the sayde crime & offence. Nor that any such attaindor, shall make any corruption of bloud to the heire or heires of such offendour or offendours.

The xxx. Chapiter.

An Act for the townes of Rie and Winchelsey, and for the casting of Ballaste into the Chambre.

Forasmuche as the inhabitauntes of the townes and portes of Rie, and Winchelsey in the county of Sussex, haue truely enfourmed the kynges moste honorable counsaile, that the Herborowe and Roade, called the Camber, being nere to the saide Townes of Rie and Winchelsey (beynge ouer agaynst the coastes of Deepe in Fraunce) in times past hath bene a Herborow able to receiue. cc. or iiij. saile of shippes, aswell in times of warre, as in time of peace. And being there, might not onely issue out therof at al times to encounter their enemies, but also in times of stormy winds might haue had rescue and good Herborough in the same, to the great safegarde of the kynges shippes and Marchauntes passing to and fro vpon the narrowe seas. Yet now of late, not onely the said Harborow and roade called the Cambre, but also all the Inne crekes neare vnto Rye and Winchelsey aforesaide, partly by occasion of casting of ballast into the same Harborowe and crekes, and partly because diuerse marishes inned, take in no water to scoure the channell, but let oute the fresh water at gutters, so that at this present ỳ chānel there is choked, swared, and filled vp, that there cānot lie in the same harborow aboue xxx. or xl. saile of ships, & yet the same shipps cannot come into the same herborowe without great daunger. Therefore it is enacted and ordeyned by the king our souereigne Lord, the lords spiritual and temporall, & the commōs in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that the Maiors and Jurates of Rye & Winchelsey now being before the xx. day of Aprill next comming, shal appoint conueniēt places, to lay on all ballast, that shalbe cast oute of any hoy, shippe, craier, boate, or other vessel, which after the first day of May next comming, shall come into, or within the said Harborow or roade, to the intent to receiue or take into it any freight or lading in those parties. And that all maner of ballast shalbe had, or cast out of anie Hoy, shippe, Craier, Boate, or other vessell, after the said first daye of May, shal by the persones beinge in euery Hoy, shippe, craier, boate, or other vessell be layd vpon suche place as the saide Maiors and Jurates, or the more parte of them shal appoynt and assigne, and at no other place vpon payne of forfaiture of xl. s. of lawfull money of England, for the first part of euerye portion of ballast so cast ouer, and xl. s. for euerye tonne of ballast, rubbish beyng cast out of any Hoy, ship, craier, Boate, or other vessell, contrary to the forme aforesayd, thone halfe of euery summe so forfaited to bee to the king our soueraigne Lord, his heires & successors, and thother halfe to be to him that will sue for the same, in anie Court of Recorde in this realme, in which accion or suite, no essoine, protection, or wager of law shalbe admitted or allowed. And it is further enacted and ordeined, by thauctoritie aforesaid, that the Maior or Jurates of Rye, for the time being, and Maior and Jurates of Winchelsey for the time beinge, and euery

euery of them, shal seuerally haue full powers & auctho̅itie to holde plees, and to heare & determine all and singuler accions, suites & complaints in any wise, concerning anie acte or offence done or committed at anye time hereafter, contrary to the forme of this p̄sent acte, & to make execution vpon euery iudgement geuen in any of ỳ said accions & suites, aswell vpon the Sea, as vpon the Land, as by their discretion shalbee thought conuenient.

¶ The xxxj. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte for the citie of Chester touching the taking of Recognisaunces.

IN their most humble wise shewen vnto your highnesse your true, faithful and obedient subiectes, the Maior, Aldermen, sherifes, and comminaltie, of your graces citie of Chester, that where before this time the Maiors of the saide Citie of Chester, were appoynted and auctho̅rised, to take and receyue before the sayde Maiors, recognisaunces, accordynge to the statutes Marchaunt, and of Acton Burnel, whereupon were deliuered vnto the said Maior by the kinges Maiesties progenitours, that then were, a speciall seale concerninge the same, by force whereof the Maiors & other officers there appointed (time out of minde) haue continuallye vsed, and practised to take recognisaunces, before them of statutes Marchaunt, and Acton Burnel and enrolled ỳ same, which euer hitherto was allowed, permitted, and taken to be good and effectual in the lawe, vntil nowe of late that ambiguitie and doubt hath risen, by meanes of certeine sinistre persones, more for the defraudinge of ryght, equitie, & iustice, then vpon any good grounde or matter, for their priuate commodite, because that in all points it doth not follow and agree, according to all the straight woordes of the saide statute Marchaunt and Acton Burnell, aswell to the great hurt and slaunder of the said citie, as also to the decaye of the Marchauntes, whiche haue, and shall lende their kinges, wares, and money, and great boldenes of the boldenes of the creditors and dettors, to deteyne the same in their handes to the great decay of the said citie: wherefore for the inconuenience therof, & also for auoiding of the saide ambiguitie and doubt, it may please your highnes that it may be by your grace with thassent of the Lordes spiritual and temporal and the comm̄ons in this p̄sent Parliament assembled, ordeined, established, and enacted by thauctho̅itie of the same, that all and euery suche recognisaunce of statutes Marchaunt, & Acton Burnell, which after the first daye of Maye nexte comminge, shalbee taken knowledged, enrolled, had, and sealed, with the saide seale appoynted

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to the sayd citie of Chester, before the Maior of the same citie for ȳ time being, in like maner as heretofore the predecessors Maiors and other officers in the said citie haue accustomed, to take and enroll and seale, shalbe as good, effectual and of force in the lawe, to al entents, cõstructions and purposes, as if the takinge of such recognisaunce did fully agree and accorde, to all intents and purposes, with the straight words of the said statutes of Acton Burnel, and the statute Marchaunt. And that vpon al certificates of the said Maiors hereafter like processe and execution to be awarded & directed out of the hygh courtes of Chauncery & commen place, to al Sherifes, Maiors, Bailifs, or other officers in England or Wales, in as ample manner and fourme as is vsed elsewhere within this Realme, for any recognisaunce taken vpon anye of the statutes aforesaid, any lawe, statute, libertie, fraunchises, or vsage had or vsed to the contrarie notwithstanding.

¶ The xxxij. Chapiter.
An Acte for the continuaunce of certaine statutes.

WHere in the Parliament begonne and holden at Westminster the.xxxij. yeare of the reigne of oure late moste dreade soueraygne Lorde kinge Henry the eyght, and there by dyuers Prorogations, continued vntill the xxxiij. daye of Julye, in the xxxvi. yeare of the reygne of the saide late kinge Henry the eyght, there was an acte made and established, for and concerninge the reformation of mispleadinge, Jeofailes, and attorneys, whiche saide acte with the prouiso, were made to endure vntill the last daye of the next Parliament. And where also at the Parliamẽt holden at Westminster in the xxxv. yeare of the reigne of our saide late moste dreade Soueraygne Lorde, one acte was made, that for non apparaunce in Juries to haue de circumstantibus. And in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the xxxvij. yeare of the reigne of oure sayde late moste dread Soueraigne Lorde kinge Henry the eight, the sayde actes and either of them, were continued vntill the end of the next Parliament. Be it enacted and established by the kynge oure soueraigne Lorde, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctority of the same, that the acts aforesaid, and either of them & al clauses, articles, and prouisions in them and euery of them contayned, shall continue and endure in their force and strength for euer.

¶ The. xxxiij. Chapiter.
An Acte that no man stealing Horse or Horses shall enioy the benefite of his clergie.

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¶ The xxxiij. Chapiter.

¶ An Act for the Sherife of Northumberland to be accomptable by his officer, as other shirifes doe. ¶

FOrasmuch as the sherifes of the countie of Northumberland, which haue been named rulers of long time called hauing exempted to the kinges Maiestie of the duke and progenitors late duke of Northumberland in the kinges highnes Exchequer, or else where, as other sherifes of the said countie in olde time passed haue vsed, and the sherife of other Counties of this realme do at this present time, receiue and take the whole profits of their rentes issues and fermes, to great detriment & losse of the kinges most excellent Maiestie, & other farmers, grantees & others by the hands of the said sherife, & all other dues, issues, fines & amerciaments within the said countie, and all exceptions and petitions, wardes, marriages, reliefes, and such other.

Wherefore be it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne Lord, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by the authority of the same, that from henceforth all and euerie such person and persons as shalbee hereafter named to be sherife of the said countie of Northumberland, shall within conuenient conuenient time after his patent, and before he do execute any part of his office, shall put in sufficient sureties by himselfe, or by his sufficient deputie or deputies, into the kinges exchequer, there to enter into recognisaunce

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office of shirif, any thing in this act, or any law, or vsage, or prero-
to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ The xxv. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte for the confirmation of the Subsidie of the Clergie.

WHere the Prelates and the Clergie of the province of C
enstueth in these wordes.

deſtructions of any forraine enemies, agaynſt whose malice for the
ctie and defence both of them, and al other his ſubiectes, his maieſtie
d not ſpared to employ inestimable ſummes of his owne treaſure and
ſelues by ſundry occaſions, and namely by reaſon of the great and
warres which his grace hathiuſtly and moſt nobly maintained,
in part victoriouſly achieued, both by lande and Sea, agaynſt the
ottes rebelles to his highnes, and enemies of his moſt noble reigne,
conſidering alſo, that (next vnto God) they of the ſaide Clergie be
ſt bound to render to his maieſtie their immortal and moſte humble
ſes for many cauſes and benefits, and chiefly for the ſpecial quiet-
whiche they do preſentlye enioye in the middeſt of the ſayde moſte
l and deadly warres, hauing no lett nor impediment to apply the-
es to ſerue God, and ſtudie in ſuch wyſe, as to their vocations and
ers appertaineth. And further conſidering, that the maintenance,
niture, expedition and honorable performaunce of the ſayd warres
continuing, and other his graces weightye & noble affaires for the
ique weale of hys Realmes and ſubiectes, neceſſarilye requireth
at and inestimable charges and expences: The ſayde Prelates and
rgie, therefore for a remembraunce and declaration of their good
les, thankfull mindes, and bounden duties to hys highneſſe, with
e voice, and verye hartie good will doe geeue and graunt by theſe
ſentes to his maieſtie, towardes the ſaide great charges and coſtes
ſubſidie in maner and fourme followinge: That is to ſaye, that e-
y Archbiſhop, Biſhop, Deane, Archedeacon, Prebendary, Pronoſt,
aiſter of Colleges, Maiſters of Hoſpitalls, Perſon, Vicar, & euerye
er perſon and perſones, of whatſoeuer name or degree hee or they
, enioying any ſpirituall promotion or other temporal poſſeſſions to
ſame ſpirituall promotion annexed, now not deuided nor ſeparated
acte of Parliament, or otherwiſe from the poſſeſſions of the clergie,
l paye to the kynges highneſſe for euery pounde that he may yearelie
ed by reaſon of the ſaid ſpirituall promotion, the ſumme of fiue ſhil-
. And for the true and certeine knowledge of the yerely values of
ſaid promotions & euery of the, whereof the payment ſhalbe made,
ſaſe, taxation, and valuation, and eſtimation remaining of recorde
e kynges Maieſties Court of the firſt fruites and tenthes, for the
ent of the perpetual diſme, concerning all ſuche promotions, as be
ſſeſſion of the Clergie, or any other not deuided by acte of Parlia-
t, or otherwiſe as is aforeſaid, ſhalbe followed and obſerued, with-
any making any valuatiō, raate, taxation, or eſtimation other the in
aid recorde is compyled.

ouided alwayes, that foraſmuche as the tenthe parte of the ſayde
ation & taxe before mencioned, is yearely paied to the kinges high-
or the perpetuall diſme, ſo as there remaineth onely nine partes to

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the incumbent clere, this subsidie of vi.s. the pound, shalbe vnderstand onely of the same nine partes, and of no more.

Prouided alwaies that no person, that is already promoted to any spirituall benefice, sithē the first day of October last past before the date hereof, or that hereafter shalbe promoted to anye spirituall benefice, within this side the first day of October, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God. 1551. shalbee contributorie, or charged to the kynges highnes, with anie parte of this Subsidie, duringe the first yeare of the saide promotion.

The saide Prelates and clergie also do graunt, that thys subsidie of vi.s. of the pounde of the yearely value of euerye promotion taxed as aforesaid, shalbe payed to the kinges Maiestie, within three yeares next ensuing the date hereof, that is to say. ij.s. of euery pounde in euery of the said three yeres. The first paiment thereof to bee due & made at the first day of October next ensuing, which shalbe in ỳ yere of our Lorde God, a thousand fiue hundreth fyue. And the second paiment therof to be due and made on the said first day of October then next followinge, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God, a thousand fiue hundreth and six. And the thirde paiment thereof to be due and made in the said first day of October then next folowing, which shalbe in the yeare of our Lorde God, a thousand fiue hundreth fiftie and one, and to bee deliuered and payd yerely by such as shalbe appointed to haue the collection thereof to the treasourer of the kynges court of first fruites and tenthes, or to any other person, whom it shall please the kynges Maiestie to appoint for the receipt thereof, before the feast of the Natiuitie of our Lorde in euery of the said three yeares.

Item the said Prelates and clergie also do graunt, that euery priest, and all other persons hauing a pencion, by reason of the dissolution of any the late Monasteries, Colledges, free Chappels, Chauntries, fraternities, gyldes, and hospitalles, or any other corporation within the sayd prouince of Canterbury, shal likewise pay to his highnes for shillings of euery pound of the said pencions, within the said three yeres, at such day and time as is before specified: & that for the sure payment therof, a deduction and retention of the said vi.s. to be made in ỳ hands of the payers of the said pencion after the proportion of ij.s. of ỳ pound, euery of the sayd three yeares, to be deliuered and payed vnto his Maiesties vse at suche time, and to such persones as the subsidie of vi.s. shillings aforesaid shalbe payd vnto.

Item the said Prelates and Clergie, do also graunt that euery priest receiuing annuel stipend, being no perpetuitie within the said prouince shal paye vnto his graces vse vi. shillinges. viij.d. in euerye of the said three yeres, at the same daies, and vnder the same penalties, as the rest of the Clergie do pay for their promotions.

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Item the same Prelates & clergie further do graunt, that euery archbishop & Bishop, and the sea being vacant, euery Deane and Chapiter of their sede, shalbe Collectors of this subsidie within their proper Diocese. And for the better seruery of the said collection, the said Prelates & clergie humbly beseech the kinges highnes, that they may haue full power and authoritie by his Maiestie, and the high court of Parliament, to set at such wayes, meanes, and procesles, as be prescribed in the acte of perpetual tithes for the collection & leuying of the same, and shall make accompt thereof before the Chauncellor or Treasorer, or other Officers of his graces Court of the first fruites, & tenth, or in such other places, as it shal please his highnes to appoint, in such wise, and after such forme onely, as the said Archbishops & Bishops be now charged for the collection of the perpetual tithe, whereby is ment how the lawes & statutes of payment, of, & for any particuler promocion, shal only charge the Incumbent, & such as be bound to pay the same, & that upon paines, as is prouided in this act of perpetual tithes, against them that do make default in that behalfe.

Prouided alwayes, that euery Incumbent making such default of payment, after certificat of such default, duely made & exhibited in the kinges Maiesties Court of first fruits and tenthes, shal forfaict and lose onely that his benefice or promocion, for which he maketh default, & for the same shall incurre no other forfeiture, losse, damager, paine, or penaltie, any other paine, clause, article, or condicion in the said Statute of perpetual tithes contained, to the contrary not withstanding. And that the Archbishop, Bishop, Deane & chaunter, gathering that they can receiue, & making payment thereof, that for the rest not by them receiued, be discharged by their certificat, so it be made by the first Day of January, in euery of the same iij. yeres, in within xviij. daies after, into the Court of first Fruites & tenthes, and in d. of euery pound where the Collectours shalbe charged in his accompt, clerely so be paied into the said receipte, or into such other place, as it shal please the kinges Maiestie to appoint shalbe allowed to the same Collectour, for his said accompt for the same, for the charges and collection, portage, conueying, and payinge of the same subsidie.

Prouided alwayes, that this subsidie graunted by the Clergie, shal not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice or colledge, situate & set within the Vniuersities of Oxforde & Cambridge, or of any benefice or other reuennues, vnto any Colledge of Oxforde or Cambridge vnited appropried, or appertayning, or of the Colledge of Eaton nygh Windsor or of the Colledge of Winchester, founded by William Wickham, sometime Bishop of Winchester, or of any other Church or benefice, or of any other reuenues to the said Colleges, or to any of them annexed, appropried, or otherwise appertayning.

Prouided alwayes, that no spirituall promocion, or any landes or re-

uenues annexed to the same, being charged by this graunt or act of the Prouince of Caunterbury, or any goodes or cattells growing, being or renning of the same, and perteyning to the owners of the said spirituall promocion shalbe charged, or made contributorie to any fifteene or other subsidie already graunted to the kinges highnes of the laytee, or hereafter to be graunted during the time of the said three yeres.

Item the said Prelates and Clergie further graunt, that euery of his graces newe erected Bishops, Deanes, prebendaries, peticamons, and preachers, shalbe charged to this subsidie, for their owne portions only thereof to pay vi.s. of the pound, within the said three yeres, as is aboue rehearsed of other Bishops and spirituall persons, and these portions of rentes & reuenues which his highnes hath geuen vnto them for the maintenaunce of poore men, Hospitalmakers, Ushers, Seamstriars, Quyristers, and other officers and Ministers not to be charged with any part of this subsidie.

Prouided also, that euery Parson, Vicar, or other spirituall man paying any pencion, whereof none allowaunce is made in the valuacion of his said benefice, shall and may reteine ij.s. of euery pound of euery such pencion, euery yere during the said three yeres, to his owne relief, in consideration that hee is charged to pay his subsidie of vj.s. of the pounde, out of euery pound of the whole value of his promocion.

Prouyded also, that where certeine landes, tenements, rents, tithes, pencions, portions, fruites, & other hereditamentes, lately belonging to diuers Cathedrall churches, or to other places Ecclesiastical within the said prouince of Caunterbury, which were geuen & assigned to be bestowed and spent, to & on the finding & maintenaunce of certeine chauntries, annuersaries, obites, lyghtes, lampes, & other like thinges, intents, & purposes, be now come into the handes & possession of the kinges Maiestie our soueraigne Lord, by force of a Statute therof made in the firste yere of his gracious Raigne, as by the said Statute more plainly appeareth, that the said Cathedrall churches, & the Deanes & prebendents and Chapters of the same, & al other places & persons to whom the said landes, rentes, & other the premisses, or any of them, did lawfully apperteine, shall not bee charged to and with any contribucion or payment of any subsidie for that part or portion, whereunto the kinges Maiestie is entitled or possessed of, but the said subsidie shalbe vnderlayde to be chargeable, & duely onely of al & singuler landes, tenementes, rentes, tithes, pencions, portions, fruites and other hereditaments, which shall still remaine not diseuered from the handes and possession of the said Cathedrall churches, and other places and persons aforelayde. And that deduction and allowaunce bee made to them and euery of them in the payment of the said subsidie, out of the whole value, taxation, & estimation made for the payment of the said perpetuall disme, remaynyng of record in the kinges Maiesties Court of first fruites and Tenthes,

for that rate and portion, which is come to the handes and possession of our saide soueraigne Lord, by force of the statute premised.

Prouided also, that euery Parson and vycar, whose benefice is of the value of vj.li.xiij.s.iiij.d. or vnder, after the rate of the perpetual tenth shal pay in euery of the saide three yeres onely vj.s.viij.d. as stipendaries do, and not otherwise.

Prouided also, that euery Priest, and all other persons hauing a pension, by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, colledges, free chappels, chauntries, fraternities, guyldes, and hospitals, or any other incorporations within the Prouince of Caunterbury, or any of them, and being of the summe of xl. shillinges or vnder, and not aboue, shall not be charged and chargeable to the said subsidie, or any part thereof, for any such pencion of xl. shillinges, or vnder: any thing conteyned in this graunt to the contrarie notwithstanding: As by the said instrument more at large it doth appeare.

And for the sure and true payment of this Subsidie graunted by the said Prelates and Clergie of the prouince of Caunterburie, according to the tenour, purport, effect, & true meaning of this present instrument. The said Prelates and Clergie most humbly desire and require your highnesse, that this their saide gyft, graunt, and subsidie, and euery matter, summe of money, clause, and sentence, in this instrument conteyned, concerning the said subsidie, may be ratified, established, and confirmed, by aucthoritie of your highnes court of Parliament. And for the sure and true payment of the said subsidie graunted by the said Prelates and Clergie of the said prouince of Canterbury, according to the tenour, effect, & true meaning of the said instrument.

Be it enacted by the kinges highnes, with thassent of the Lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by thaucthoritie of the same, that the said gift & graunt, and euery matter, summe of money, clause & sentence in the said instrument conteined, be ratified, established, & cõfirmed by thaucthority aforesaid.

And furthermore be it enacted by thaucthority of this present Parliament, that euery person that shalbe appointed to the collection and gathering of the saide Subsidie, shal haue full power and aucthoritie to leuie, take, & perceiue the same subsidie, by aucthoritie of the Censures of the Church, or by distres, vpon the possessions of ỳ farmors & owners of the landes and tenements, chargeable by this act, for, or to the payment of any summe or summes of money, or otherwise by the discretion of the Collectors thereof. And that no Repleuy, prohibicion, or Superseders shalbe allowed or obeyed, for any person or persons makinge default of payment of the said subsidie, contrary to the tenor of the graunt therof, vntil such time as they haue truely satisfied & contented, al such part and portions, as to them in that behalfe apperteyneth. And that euery such farmor and farmors, that shall fortune hereafter to be charged

ged to & with the payment of the said Subsidie, or any part therof, shall by the auctoritie aforesaid be allowed and reteined in his handes, as much of his yerely farme and rent, as the summe which he shal fortune to pay for his Lord or lessors, shal extende & amount vnto, any writing, couenant, band, or other thing had or made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And for the leuying of the said Subsidie of vj.s. the pound, & for the yerely pencions which any priest or other person or persons, which heretofore haue bene religious, or taken for religious persons, doe or shall receiue at the Court of Augmentations, and reuenues, the Chauncelor of the same Court for the time being, shall yerely during the said three yeres, that is to say, at the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel yerely during the said iij. yeres, detaine and retaine in his handes, or cause to be detained, or retained in the handes of other thofficers and ministers of the same Court, to the kinges vse, for euery pound of the same pencions ij.s. and the same shal well & truely pay or cause to be paid into the said court of the Tenth and first fruites, or els where, as the kings highnes shal appoint, before the first day of Januarie, without any charge to be made or sustayned in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that euery other person & persons, which pay or be chargeable to pay any yerely rent, pencion, or pencions, to any Priest, or other person or persons, which heretofore haue bene religious, or taken for religious persons, chargeable to the payment of the said subsidy, that euery such person or persons which do so pay or hereafter shal pay any of the said yerely rents, pencion or pencions, shal not onely during the said three yeres, retaine into his handes, yerely to the kings vse, for euery pounde of the same yerely rentes, pencion, or pencions ij.s. and the same well and truely to pay or cause to be paide yerely during the same three yeres, vnto the Ordinarie of the same dioces, or to the Collectour of the said Subsidie there to the kinges vse. But also shal yerely during the same three yeres before the first day of December, certifie vnder his or their seale or seales vnto the saide court of the Tenth and first fruites, or els where it shal please the kinges highnes to appoint, the names and surnames of all and singuler such Priestes or other persons religious, or heretofore taken for religious persons, as is aforesaide, and the true yerely rentes or pencions, which they or any of them bee entitled to haue or receyue yerely as is aforesaid. And that the Chauncelour for the time beinge of the kings Court of Augmentations & reuenues of the kinges Coions, shal likewise yerely during the saide three yeres, before the first day of Decēber, certifie vnder the seale of the same court, not onely the names & surnames of al & singuler Priestes and other persons chargeable for the saide seueral rentes and yerely pencions, to the payment of the said Subsidie, in the sayde court of the Tenth & first fruites, or els where it shal please the kinges Maiestie to appoint, but also the true and full

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yerely ſumme and ſummes of the ſame yerely rents, or pencions, with the names & ſurnames of the perſons chargeable to the payment therof. And that the Archbiſhop & Biſhop of euery Dioces, within the ſaid prouince of Canterbury, ſhal yerely dueing the ſaide three yeres, before the firſt day of Januarie, or within xviij. dayes after at the furthest, certifie vnder his ſeale in the ſaid court of Tenth and firſt fruites, or els where it ſhal pleaſe the king to appoint, the names and ſurnames of al and ſyngular ſtipendarie Prieſtes, being within any of their Dioceſes chargeable to the ſaid payment of the ſaid ſubſidie, as is aforeſaid, and alſo the names & ſurnames of euery ſuch perſon & perſons, with whom he or they did dwel, and take any ſtipende or wages.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforeſaid, that euery ſuche perſon and perſons, which within the ſaid three yeres ſhal geue & pay any ſtipend or wages to any ſuche ſaid as is aforeſaid, ſhal for the inſufficiency or default of euery of the ſame prieſt or prieſtes, being in ſeruice or wages with him, at the ſaid firſt day of October, be charged & chargeable, to & with the payment of [illegible] for the ſame yere.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforeſaide, that the ſayde Archbiſhops, Biſhops, & other perſons chargeable, to and with the collection of the ſaid ſubſidie of vj. s. the pound, within the ſaid Prouince of Canterbury, ſhal haue vpon euery paimēt thereof, made in the kings court of the tenth & firſt fruits, or els where the kinges Maieſtie ſhall appoint a ſufficient acquitance in writing of ſuch perſon or perſons as the kinges Maieſtie ſhall appoint for the receipt thereof, the ſame acquitaunce witneſſing the ſame receipt of almuch of the ſame ſumme of the ſame Subſidie, as ſhalbee by any of them ſo receyued. And euery ſuch acquitaunce in writinge, ſealed and ſubſcribed with the name or names of euery ſuch perſon or perſons, that ſo by the kinges appoiyntment ſhal receiue any of the ſaid ſummes of money, ſhalbe as good and effectual in the law, & alſo a ſufficient diſcharge to al intents, conſtructions, & purpoſes, as if it were made by acte of Parliament. And that euery perſon & perſons which ſhall haue and receiue any ſuch acquytaunce, ſhal pay but onely ij. d. for euery of the ſame acquitance.

Be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforeſaid, that al & euery graſit & graunts, of all & euery ſumme & ſummes of money, which hereafter ſhalbe graunted to the kinges highnes by the Clergy, of the prouince of Yorke, ſhalbe of the ſame ſtrength, force, and effect, in al things as the ſaid graunt made by the ſaid prouince of Canterburie, & ſhalbe tared, certified, collated, leuied & gathered, according to the tenor, forme, & effect, of this preſent act of Parliament, to all intentes, conſtructions, & purpoſes, in ſuch maner, as though it were ſpecially, plainely, & particulerly expreſſed & rehearſed in this act, by expreſſe words, termes, and ſentences, in their ſeueral natures and kindes.

Prouided alway, and bee it enacted by thauctoritie aforeſaide, that euery

euery lay person, hauing any spiritual promocion, chargeable by thes
acte, and also hauing temporal possessions, goodes, catteles and debts,
chargeable to the subsidie graunted by the Temporaltie, shalbe charged, tared, and set, for his said spiritual promocion, with the clergie:
and for his temporal possessions, goods, & cattels, with the temporaltie,
and not otherwise.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that
all such as haue bene religious persons, and other, hauing any pencion
by reason of any dissolution of any late Monasterie, Colledge, or Hospitals, or any other corporations within the Prouince of Caunterbury
and Yorke, or any of them, and being of the summe of xl.s. and
not aboue or vnder, shal not be charged or chargeable to the
sayde Subsidie, or any part thereof, for any such
pencion of xl. shillings or vnder: any thing
conteyned in this act, or any of the said
Instruments, or any of them, to
the contrary notwithstanding.

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The xvi. Chapiter.

A declaracõ for the reliefe granted to the kinges Maiestie

Whiche we the kinges Maiesties faithfull, louing, and obedient subiectes, the Lordes & commons assembled in this present parliament, do consider the present state of the world, what great troubles be in al places, what enemies both his Maiestie & his Realme hath, & is like to haue, & that their malice and hatred is bent partly to diminish his graces Maiestie & the honor of his realme, partly to spoile the same of the auncient entyre auncyent, right, & title that his highnes, and his most noble progenitours kings of this Realme of England haue alwaies had to the realme of Scotland, being a member and a part of his kingdome and dominion, and chiefly for that we of late hauing abandoned thauctoritie of the Bishop of Rome, & his wicked doctrine, haue & do adhere to Christ, & his most holie woorde, as becometh al Christians to doe, that meane to be no lesse in deede, then they professe in name: wherein we also consider, that his grace, and we his faithfull and obedient subiectes, be but one body politique, his highnes the head, and we the members, and that no good or felicity can come to them, but thother shalbe partaker thereof, and that no hurt or aduersitie can happen to the one, wherewith the other shall not also be greeued. Whiche we also consider the practises and politikes of other Princes, and Potentates, what great preparations they make both of men and also of other furnitures for the warres, and what great treasure they of late haue leuied and gathered of their subiectes, we perceyuing that al the kinges Maiesties proceedings, wholy tende to the aduauncemẽt of the true glorie of God, the mainteinance of the Maiestie of the Imperiall Crowne of this realme, and the defence & safety of vs, and this his Realme, fully founded to cleaue and sticke to God, and his most holye woorde, therby determined to maintaine his graces honor, and all such rights & titles, as be annexed to his Imperial crowne, prest & ready to defende ourselues, and thys his Realme, and our Countrey, and finally content to leaue father, mother, brethren, sisters, wiues, children, landes, goods, yea and this natural life also, rather then we would denye Christ & forsake his woord, which is the liuely foode of mans soule, rather the we would suffer his roial Maiestie to be in any part diminished rather then we would consent, that thimperial Crowne of this Realme should be depriued of any honor, title, right, or interest thereunto belonging, & finally rather then any forein power, should do vs or our country any hurt or iniurie, haue thought it good to prepare and make not only our persons ready for the warres, hauing a full affiance & perfyte confidence in God, for he alwaies hath sent victorie to such as professed him, & put their whol trust in him: albeit they were but very few, & that

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very feeble in mans sight, unexpert of the multitude and force of their enemies, to be sure will haue a special regard and eye to this little Realme, & vs his poore seruaunts & little flocke, taking to his charge and defence our battle shepeheard, till yeres & strength made him better able to fight with his enemies, & that therefore he with vs and for vs, we doubte not but shall withstande, resiste, and subdue the force & puissance of our foes, be they neuer so many then we, or the least ones for his cause) but also make amends vnto vs & our subiectes of mildnes, to repaire & maintaine the great and inestimable charges that our most gracious Soueraigne Lord hath & daily doth sustaine, & trying himself vnable to leuie any parte of his present necessities, & his grace not to meane to spare any part of his estate royall, reflecting his graces eye not to rest his eyes vpon the finall end of this our simple present, but to lay by it our good willes, wherin we count the chiefest part of our reliefe, in faithfully promising all the rest to be ready, when perill or extreme need shall require this not to suffice. First we the Commons, said subiectes, do by authoritie of this present parliament, & of our free & franke grace and goodnes vnto his most royall Maiestie & the realme to continue by the space of iij. yeres, to be raised, leuied, & gathered of euery person (of what estate or degree he be, according to the true meaning of this acte, after the rate, in maner & fourme following, that is to say) of euery of all & euery person, as well of hereafter spirituall, his graces naturall subiectes, as of all & euery fraternitie, guilde, corporation, mistery, and other body, company & communalte corporate, & not corporate within the realme of England, or elles where in the kinges dominions, being worth & pounded of money, coyne, plate, stocke of merchandise, corne, grasse, sheepe, beastes, cattell, or other goodes moueable, as well within this realme as without, & of all sorte summes of money, as he shall be owing, whereof he trusteth in his conscience to be truely paid, yerely xij. pence in euery pound. And of euery alien, as well borne out of the kinges obeysance, as well beinge as not beinge, inhabiting or reliant within this realme, in any other the kinges dominions, being worth & pounds in money, coyne, plate, stocke, or merchandise, corne, grasse, sheepe, beastes, cattell, or other goodes moueable, as well within this Realme as without, & of all such summes of money, as he shall be owing, whereof he trusteth in his conscience to be truely paid yerely iij. s. of euery pound. And of euery alien & stranger borne out of the kinges obeysance, albeit beinge as not beinge, inhabiting or reliant within this Realme, or any other the kinges dominions, being worth twentie shillinges, and vnder & pounds in money, coyne, plate, stocke of merchandise, corne, grasse, sheepe, beastes, cattell, or other goods moueable, as well within this Realme as without, and of such summes of money, as he shall be owing, whereof he trusteth in his conscience to be truely paied yerely vij. pence in euery pound. Except & out of the premisses be excepted, such summes of money, as any per-

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...sons, ...shalbe ...pryued, ...by this ...ct, any ...graūt, ...charter, ...fraūchis, ...vse, ...by ...deeds of any letters ...patents, or other ...patentes, ...alowaūce of the same, or whatsoeuer other matter ...charge ...to the contrary made, graūted, vsed, or obteined ...withstanding. And it is further enacted by thauctoritie of this ...acte, that euery such perſō, as shal ...be vnder the ...obeisaūce, as euery other perſon ...subiect borne, denizen, or ...inhabiting ...this realme, or ...wales, or other ...kinges dom...which at ...time of ...said assessing or taxation perely to be ...shalbe out of this ...realme, out of wales, ...this realme or ...wales, shalbe charged & chargeable for ...certificat of the habitaunts of the parties, where such goodes, ...tandes, tenementes, or other the premisses ...shall ...plate where such perſon or his factor, deputy or attorney, shal ...most resort vnto, within this realme, or in wales, in ...same ...same perſon were or had bene at that time of the same assessing ...this Realme. And that euery perſon, abiding or dwelling ...Realme, or without this realme, shalbe charged and chargeable ...same reliefe, graūted by this act, according and after the rate of ...lue of his substaunce, goods and cattals, and other premisses, ...perſon so to be charged, shalbe set at in the time of the said assess...taration vpon him to be made, and in none other wise.

And further wee the kinges subiects, do geue & graūt freely ...highnes, one other reliefe to be paied perely during three yeares, ...receipt of the kings exchequer, after the rate and in maner and ...folowing, ...is to say, of euery ewe, kept for the moste part of the ...in feueral, salt or freshe marshes, or in seuerall pasture, that is ...groundes not Common, nor commonly vsed to be tilled, ...euery wether & other shere sheepe kept in pasture or marshes, ...foresaid two pence. And of euery shere sheepe kept on commons ...ueral groundes, commonly vsed to be tilled, thre halfe pence, ...yearely during the said three yeares, by the owner or owners of ...sheepe, and not by any perſon that hath the same sheepe in farme, ...leasse, paying a rent, or any other profit for the same, or ...be bound by any maner of couenant, or ſurtie to restore the same ...many sheepe, or the value therof at any time.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, ...that euery perſon not hauing aboue the number of ten shere sheepe, ...pay yerely during the said three yere, one half peny for the poll of ...euche shere sheepe, & that euery perſon hauinge aboue ten shere sheepe, ...and not aboue twenty, shal pay for euery of them but one peny, ...euery of the said iii. yeres, any thing before in this graūt of the ...of sheepe, contrined to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding. ...first parliament of the sayd reliefe of sheepe, to be made before the ...

citude of people beinge in the same, the which personnes (if suche bee) thereunto named of the said inhabitauntes of the sayd boroughes and townes corporate, not being counties in theselues, shalbe ioyned & put as commissioners, with the persons named for such shires and ridings as the saide boroughes and townes corporate, not beinge counties in themselues dwell, and haue their beinge, which personnes so named for and of the said boroughes and townes corporate not beinge counties, by reason of their dwellinge in the same, shall not take vpon them, ne any of them to put any part of their commission in execution for the premisses out of the saide borough or towne corporate, wherin they being so named only for the same, be dwelling, & also not to execute the sayde commission within y borough or towne corporat, where they be so dwelling, but iointly with iii. at the least of the other commissioners, within the shire or riding, and in that commission wherein they be so dwelling at such dayes and times as the sayd other Commissioners, for the same shire and riding shal therunto ioyne and appoint within the same borough or towne corporate, not being countie corporate, whereof they so be not out of such borough or towne, & in that maner to be aydinge & assisting vnto the said other commissioners, in and for the good executing of thesses of the saide commission, vpon paine of euerie of the sayd commissioners so named for euerie suche citie, borough, and towne corporate not being a countie, to make such fine as the said other commissioners in the commission, or any for the said shire or ridinge so named or three of them at the least, shal by their discretions set and certify into the kings Eschequer, there to be leuied to the vse of our soueraigne Lorde the king in like maner as such or like fines had ben set and rated vpō suche person for the saide reliefe. ¶ The which commissioners so named of and for the saide cities, boroughs, & townes not being counties, and euery of them in the said commission, by reason of their dwelling in the same, shall not haue any parte of iurisdiction of the see, and peinardes for the commissioners and their clerkes in this act after wards specified. And the Chauncellour of England, or keper of the kings great seale for the time being, shall make and direct out of the court of Chauncery, vnder the kinges great seale seuerall commissions, that is to say, for euery shire, riding, the cinque portes, cape, citie, towne borough, Isle, & houshold, to such the person and persones as by hys discretion, and other by him for before appointed and named, in like maner and forme as is before therein, shalbe thought sufficient for the seling and leuying of the said fifteene in all thinges and places according vnto the true meaninge of this acte, which commission shalbe directed and deliuered to the saide commissioners, or to one of them yearely during the said three yeares, maner and forme following, that is to say the first yeare before the first day of March the next comming, and the other two yeares yearely before the first day of Januarie, and so euerie of the sayde commission & ef-

bulles, cõteining in them the tenour of this act, shalbe affixed, the wher
commission, the commissioners in euery such commission named, nere
dinig vnto this act, or as many of the as shalbe appointed by the kinges
commission, shal haue full power and auctheritie to put the effect of the
same commission in execution. And that by auctheritie of this act, the
such commission to them directed yearely during the said three yeres,
they may by their assents and agreements, sever them selues for the
ration of their commission, in hundreds, lathes, wards, rapes, wapen
takes, townes, parishes, & other places, within the limites of their
commission, in such forme as to the shal seme expedient to bee ordred
betwene them to be continued and agreed, according to the tenor
effect of the commission to them therein directed, vpõ which seuerall
euery person of this present parliament that shalbe commissioner, shal
be assigned in the hundred where he dwelleth.

Prouided alwaies, that no person be or shalbe compelled to bee any
Commissioner, to & for the execution of this present acte, but onely within
shire where he dwelleth and inhabiteth, and that any person being
signed to y contrary thereof, in any wise shal not be cõpelled to put in
tition the effect of this act, or any part thereof. And it is also enacted
thauctheritie of this present parliament, that the Commissioners and
euery of them which shalbe named, limitted and appointed according
vnto this acte, to be commissioners in euery such shire, riding, lathe,
pentake, rape, citie, towne, borough, and in any other place, that the
commissioners and none other, shall truly, effectually, and diligently
their part to execute the effect of this present acte, according to the tenor
thereof in euery behalfe, notwithstanding wells by any other meanes,
commission, fauour, dalliance, or any other thinge to be attempted
done by them, or any of them, to the contrary hereof. & the said
missioners, or as many of them as shalbe appointed by the said
sion, and none other, for the execution of the said commission and
in the first yere of the parliament of this vertue of gobbets, before the
day of March, & the other two yeres, yerely before the first day of
nuary, by bookes of the commissions deliuered vnto them, in forme
bouesaid, direct their letters & commaundement vnto diuers of
discreet, as for the number of fifty aduaunces shalbe requisite, of the
substantiall discreet and honest persons in euery shaunes, to be nam
the said Commissioners, or by as many of them as shalbe appointed
by the said Commission, & and in hundreds, lathes, rapes,
dreds, wardes, parishes, townes, & other places, as well within
shaunches, as from the limites of the shires, ridings, lathes, rapes,
without within the limites of the shires, ridings, lathes, rapes,
rapes, Cities, townes, boroughes, & in all other places, and other
within the limites of their commission, and to the Constables,
Tythes, Boyliffes, and other the officers or myniters of euery of the

said hundredes, townes, wards, lathes, wapentakes, parishes, & other places before said: as to the said Commissioners, & euery number of thē twoo, iii. or iiii. of thē, by their discretion in diuision, shal seeme expedient, as by the maner & vse of ỳ parties shalbe requisite strayghtly by ỳ same precept charging & cōmaunding the same inhabytaunts, constables, & other officers afore said to whō such precept shalbe so directed to appere in their proper persons before ỳ said cōmissioners, or suche nūber of thē as these shal deuide thēselues according to the tenour of the said cōmission at certein dayes & places by the saide cōmissioners, or any nūber of thē as is aboue said, within cities, boroughs, or townes corporate, or without in any other place as is afore saide, by their discretions shalbee limitted thereinto: to do & accomplish all ỳ to thē, on that pte of our soueraygne lord the king shalbe enioined touchinge this act: cōmaūding further by the same precept, ỳ he to whose handes such precept shal come, shal shew & deliuer the same to the other inhabitauntes or officers named in the same precept, & that none of them faile to accomplish the same, vpō peine of xl.s to be forfaited to the king.

And it is further ordeined by the said auctheritie of this parliament, that the said day, and place prefixed, and limitted in the saide precepts, euery of the commissioners then being in the shire, and hauing no sufficient excuse for his absence, shall at the saide daye and place prefixed for that part, whereunto he was limitted appere in proper person, & there the same commissioners being present, or as many as shalbe appointed by the kinges commission, shall call, or cause to bee called before thē, the said inhabitauntes & officers to whom they haue directed theire sayde precepts and which had in commaundement, there to appere by ỳ said precept of the saide commissioners: And if any person so warned, make default, vnles he then bee letted by sickines or lawfull excuses, & that let then to be witnessed by the othes of ii. credible persons: or if any so appering refuse to be sworne in fourme following, to forfeyt to the kynge xl.s also at euery time during the said three yeres, prefixed for the same cause, beyng such time, the number of euery such persons haue appeared and refused in fourme vnder written: and euery of them so making default, or refusing to be sworne, to forfeit to the kynge xl.s and vpon the same appearaunce had, one of the most substancial inhabitaunts or officers there being warned & appearing before the said commissioners, shal be sworne yearely duringe the saide three yeares, vpon a booke or bible before the commissioners, in fourme following.

I shal truely enquire with my felowes that shalbe charged with me of euery hundred, wapentake, warde, towne, or other place, of the best & most value of the substaunce of euery person, dwellinge and abidynge within the limittes of the places, that I and my felowes shalbee charged with, & of other which shal haue his or their most resorte vnto and into the said places, & chargeable to any sūme of money by this acte, & this

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ſaid reliefe, & of all other articles that I ſhalbe charged with touching the ſaid acte, and according to thentent of the ſame, and thereupon as neere as it may, or ſhal come to my knowledge, not onely truely to preſent & certifie before you, the names, ſurnames, additions, & the beſt vttermoſt ſubſtance, and values of euery of them, of their goodes, rattalles, dettes, and other thinges chargeable by the ſaide acte, and how many ſtraungers, denizens, or not denizens, being aboue the age of xvi yeres be reſiant and dwelling within the limits of my charge, of what value in goodes, and other thinges, chargeable to the payment of this reliefe they be, & whether they be houſholders or ſeruauntes, or otherwiſe, vnder the rule and gouernment of their parentes, without any concealment, fauour, loue, affection, dreade, feare, or malice, ſo helpe me God, and the holy contentes of this booke.

And euery other perſon, that ſhal appere there yerely by the ſaid precepts, ſhall make like othe, and vpon the othe ſo taken as is beforeſaid by thinhabitaūts & officers of euery hūdred, ward, wapētake, towne, or other place, ẏ ſaid cōmiſſioners ſhal yerely openly there read, or cauſe to be read vnto thē, ẏ ſaid rates, & opēly declare theffect of their charge vnto thē, in what maner & fourme they ought and ſhoulde make their certificats, according to ẏ rates & ſūmes thereof aboueſaid, & of all maner of perſons, aſwell of aliens & ſtraūgers, denizens, or not denizens, inhabited within this realme, as of ſuche perſons, as be borne vnder the kings obeiſance chargeable to this act, & of the goods & rattells of fraternities, guildes, corporations, brotherhodes, miſteries, cōpanies, and cōmunalties, & other as is aboueſaid, & of perſons beinge in the parties of beyond the ſea, hauing goodes or rattalles vnder this realme as is before ſaid, & of all goodes being in cuſtody, to the vſe of anye other, as is aboueſaid, by ẏ which informatiō, & ſhewing ẏ ſaid perſons, ſhall haue ſuch plaine knowledge of ẏ true entēt of this preſent act, & of the maner of their certificat, ẏ the ſame perſons ſhal haue no reaſonable cauſe to excuſe thē by ignoraūce. And after ſuch othes & ẏ ſtatute of the ſaid rate & ẏ maner of ẏ ſaid certificat, to be made in writing, cōteining ẏ names ſurnames, & addicions of euery perſon, & whether he be borne vnder the kinges obeiſance or vnder, & the beſt value of euerie perſon in euery degree of the value of goodes and rattells, dettes, & euery thinge to the ſaide certificat requiſite and neceſſarie to them declared: the ſaid commiſſioners there being, ſhal by their diſcretions appoynt and limit vnto the ſaid perſons another day and place to appeare before the ſaid commiſſioners, & charging the ſaid perſons, that they in ẏ meane time ſhall make diligent enquiry by all waies & meanes of the premiſſes, and that & there euery of thē vpon paine of forfaiture of xx.s. to the kinges vſe appeare at ẏ ſaid newe prefixed day & place, there to certifie vnto the ſaid cōmiſſioners in writing, according to their ſaid charge, & according to the true entēt of the ſaid graunt of relief, & as to them in maner aforeſaid

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[illegible] to shew cause [illegible] certificate that the [illegible] of the offence
[illegible] to be fined to the king's highness and by a reasonable excuse by them
[illegible] default by reason of sickness or other cause by the othe of two credible
[illegible] there, wherefore he hath [illegible] of such as appeare ready to make certificate
[illegible] as aforesaid, the said commissioners there being shall take and receive the same certificate in bill every part thereof, and the names, valuation
[illegible] satisfaction of every person so certified. And if the same commissioners
[illegible] shall reasonable, they shall examine the same presentours thereof, as
[illegible] in the said commissioners as the said days and place by their
[illegible] among these lines, shall openly during the said three years appear
[illegible] open sessions day or sessions place or places, within the limites of their
[illegible] by virtue of their further proceeding to the said
[illegible] of the same writes, and the same day of the said sessions
[illegible] said days be taken, the same commissioners shall make their
[illegible] to the constables, tithingmen, aldermen, bailiffes, or
[illegible] officers of such hundreds, wapentakes, townes, as other places as
[illegible] aforesaid, as the same commissioners shall be of computing & considering
[illegible] in the same precept, the number, names and abidings of all persons
[illegible] presented before the writing of the said presentours: of whom if the said commissioners, or as many of them as shall be there, make payment during the
[illegible] commission, shall have benefice, shall be of more greater
[illegible] value, substance in goodes, catalls, or summes of money, owing
[illegible] them, or substance beyond the sea, upon such person or
[illegible] be certified, the same commissioners shall make their precepts
[illegible] precepts directed to the constables, tithingmen, & other officers to whom
[illegible] precepts shall be directed, to warne such persons whose names shall
[illegible] compiled in the said precept at the examinations of their persons,
[illegible] the same persons so named in such precepts, or any of them, shall personally appear before the said commissioners, at the same time limited and
[illegible] place, there to be examined and examined by all ways & means in the
[illegible] said commissioners of their greatest substance, best value, and of all
[illegible] every summes of money owing to them, and other substance, and
[illegible] concerning the premisses, or any of them, or otherwise, according
[illegible] to their true value, at the time of the same examination, to this writ, as
[illegible] shall be by them required, the said commissioners there being,
[illegible] many of the as shall be there by the appointed by the kings commission
[illegible] shall duly be called the said persons, whose names shall be compiled
[illegible] in the said precept, as it is before said for their examination. And if any
[illegible] of the persons which should be warned, as is before said, to be examined
[illegible] at any time after the warning, and before the prefixed day
[illegible] be within such place, where he may have knowledge of the said appearance to be made, make default & appear not, unless a reasonable excuse
[illegible] be a reasonable excuse in the other of two credible persons before the

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saide commissioners, to be truely alleged for his discharge, that the party
thereof making default, to be taxed and charged to the king with
at the double value or the rate that he should or ought to have ben
at, after the best value of his goodes & substaunce upon him re-
fiedd, if he had appeared by ꝑ discretion of the Commissioners there be-
And in like maner if any of them suspected shall before saide, appeare
refuse to be sworne in fourme following, that every such offender
taxed & charged to ꝑ kinge with & at the double value of the rate
he should or ought to have bene sett, for and after the best value of
substaunce upō him certified by the said person that made ꝑ certifi-
as is before saide, by the discretions of the commissioners there
and every of the persons so there then appearing, whose names
expressed in the saide precepte or precepts, and in whom any
suspect was or shalbe had in fourme aboue saide, shall trauaile
same person to suspect, by all such waies and meanes they can
there the said Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe
appointed by the said Commission by their discretiō shal openly
the same person, in this maner & fourme following.

I shall faithfully, truely & plainely accordyng to my knowledge
vnto you the kings commissioners, and to others by you assigned
and greatest value or aboue, of all my goods and chatels, and
of money to me obiecting, accordyng to ꝑ graūt of this act of relief, &
ly as were to that I shalbe examined of touching ꝑ premisses, with
couin or deceipt, so helpe me God & the holy contentes of this booke.

And if any person that should appeare be excused in fourme aforesaid
witnes of credible persones, the same person shalbe examined by
othes of this or their greatest and best value & substaunce to lacking
excused, and the best of their certificat or knowledge, or of ꝑ other
certificat upon him or them made, the same person so lacking
of his apparance to be set and rated by the saide commissioners
wise, to be set & rated in this sort, as shal seme best by the discre-
the said commissioners. And if it happe to be proued by witnes
confession or other lawful waies or meanes, within one yere after
such othe made, that the same person so rated and sworne, was
greater or better value in his goods or other things aboue
the time of his said othe, that the same person so sworne did
his othe: that then such person so offendyng shall lose and forfeit
kingdom, x times so much in lawful money of England, as the
so sworne was set and rated at to pay for the said relefe.

And if any person certified or rated by vertue of this acte, be by
misioner or other, to any maner of value, do find him selfe
the same person or persons, telling, or saying, & thereupon complaine to
commissioners, before whom he shalbe rated, certified or rated, or before
them, that then the said commissioners, shall by all waies & meanes

name particularly and distinctly the person so complayning and other
of his neighbors by their discretion, of euery his goods, cattalls, & debtes
aboue mentioned, and after due examination & perfect knowlege ther-
of had & perceyued by the said commissioners, which shall haue power,
by this authoritie aforesaide, the same Commissioners or two of them to
whom any such complaint shalbe made, by their discretions vpon the
matter the same person so complaining, may abate, defalke, encrease or
change the same assessment, according as it shal appere to them iust vpon
the said examination and the same summe to abated, defalked, encreased
or changed by the, to be leuied in forme as hereafter enacted, so that
the same doe not exceede the rates of the said assessing, be deliuered by the said
Commissioners, into the kings Exchequer. And if it be proued by wit-
nes his owne confession, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, vnto a per-
son any such othe made, that the same person so tared & sworne, was
at any time of greater value in goodes or other thinges aboue specy-
fied, at the time of his said othe, then the same person so sworne did de-
clare vpon his said othe, that then euery such person so offendinge shall
lose and forfeit to the kinge fower times so muche in lawfull money of
England, as the same person so sworne wasset, or tared to paye. And
all persons sett, rated, and tared as is aforesaid, shalbe bounde & that
vnto the same, & y summe or summes vpon him set, to be due towardes
the payment of this relief, and to be leuied as hereafter shalbe specified.
And it is also enacted by the said auctoritie, that euery person yere-
by taxed the said three yeres, as is aforesaid shalbee rated, tared, and
set, and the summe on him set, to be leuied at such place, where hee and
they be at the time of the same presentment to be made, shal kepe his
most dwelling, or where he then shalbe most conuersaunt, abidinge
or remaynt, or shal haue his most resort, and shalbee best knowen at the
time of y shalbe certificat to be made, & no where els. And that no Com-
playnte for his relefe of goodes shalbe rated, or tared for his goodes,
in any shire, citie, or other place, where he dwelleth, and is comitted
by: and if anie person chargeable to this acte, at the time of the taxe be
made, happen to be out of this Realme, and out of Wales, or fayre
of the place where he shalbe knowne, then he to be set where he was
dwelling in this realme or within Wales and best knowen. And of
the substaunce and value of euery person knowen by the examina-
tion, certificat, and other maner of wise, as is aforesayde, the said com-
missioners, or as many of them as shalbe appointed by the kinges com-
mission, shal after the rate aforesaide, set, and tare euery person, accor-
dinge to the rate of substaunce, and value of his goodes and cattalles:
and by the greatest and most best summe, accordinge to his most sub-
staunce, by reason of this act, ought or may be set or tared.
And it also ordeyned by the saide auctoritie, that no person hauinge
habitacions, or two places to resorte vnto, or calling himself houshold

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ſeruaunt or waiting ſeruant, to the kings highnes, his graces ſiſters or to any noble man or woman, ſhalbe excuſed vpon his layinge, [illegible] the tare of the ſaide reliefe in either of the places where he may be [illegible] vnleſſe he bring a certificat in writing from the commiſſioners, [illegible] that he is to ſet in dede at one place. And if any happen to be ſet in [illegible] places vpon certificat thereof made, the beſt and moſt ſumme [illegible] to tared, to be taken and abyde, and the other to be diſcharged. [illegible] ſame certificat of his aſſeſſing & paiment be made thereof in [illegible] vnder the ſeales of the commiſſioners, or of as many of them as [illegible] appointed by the kings commiſſion, which certificat ſo made [illegible] at times a ſufficient diſcharge for him, and the collectes of the [illegible] well againſt any Collectes, that ſhal demaund ȳ ſame vpon him [illegible] or tared, as againſt the king and al other perſons.

And if any perſon that ought to be ſet, by reaſon of his remou[illegible] reſorting to two places, or by reaſon of his layinge, that hee [illegible] was tared, or by reaſon of any priuiledge, by his dwelling or abi[illegible] any place, not heynge foꝛmitted in this acte, or any other wiſe by [illegible] vnn or craftie, happen to eſcape from the yeerely aſſeſſinge, and [illegible] ſet, and that proued by preſentment, examination, or information [illegible] the ſaid Commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhalbee by the [illegible] miſſion appointed, or by the Barons of the kynges Exchequer, or [illegible] Juſtices of the peace of that countrey, where ſuche perſon dwel[illegible] then euery ſuch perſon, that by ſuche meanes or otherwiſe, within [illegible] coun ſhal happen to eſcape from the aſſeſſing of the ſayde reliefe, [illegible] ane of them, and not be rated, tared, and ſet, ſhalbe charged, vpon [illegible] knowledge & proofe thereof, with x at the double value that he [illegible] or ought to haue ben ſet at afore, accordinge to his behauiour: the [illegible] double value to be leuied, gathered and payed of his goodes & catal[illegible] landes and tenementes, towardes the ſaide reliefe, and further to [illegible] puniſhed, according to the diſcretions of the Barons, Juſtices or [illegible] miſſioners, before whom he ſhalbe conuicted for his offence and [illegible] in that behalfe.

And it is further ordeined and enacted by the auctheritie afore[illegible] that not onely euery aſſeſſour ſhalbe rated, tared, & aſſeſſed yeerely [illegible] ring the ſaid three yeares, for the value of his goodes and catalles [illegible] the Commiſſioners, or the moſte part of them, by whom he is ſuppo[illegible] ted to bee an Aſſeſſour, but alſo that euery Commiſſioner aſſigned [illegible] deputed, for the orderinge, taring, ratinge, and leuyinge of this re[illegible] graunted to the kynges Maieſtie, of xii d of the pounde, of the [illegible] euery mannes goodes dwelling within the precinct and limits [illegible] commiſſion, for his owne ſubſtance in goodes, ſhalbee ſeſſed, tared, [illegible] lued and rated yerely, during the ſaid three yeres, by the examin[illegible] taration & ſeſſing of the reſt of the Commiſſioners, named in the [illegible]

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commission, or the most part of them, after such value of his goods and
cattelles, as is mencioned in this act. And that al persons of the estate
of a Baron or Baronnesse, not being maried, euery estate aboue, shal
be examined and charged of payment of this reliefe of their goods, be-
fore the Lord Chauncellour, the Lord Treasorer of Englande, & Lord
Priuie seale, for the time being, or other persons by the kinges auctho-
rite to bee limitted. And they to bee charged yerely during the saide
three yeres, for their goodes and substaunce, according to their exami-
nation aforesaid. And the summes vpon them set, with the names of
Collectours appointed, for the gathering and paying of the same, bee
certified, deliuered, and certified at dayes and places aboue specified
by the saide Chauncelor, Treasorer, or Lord Priuy seale for the tyme
being, or suche other persons as shalbee appoynted by the kynges
highnes.

And it is further ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide,
that after the Tares and assessementes of the saide summes, vpon and
by the saide examination and certificat, as is aforesaid made, the saide
Commissioners shall yerely during the saide three yeres, within terme
dayes next after the taration and assessement of paiment of the said re-
liefes, by writing indented to be made of the said taration and assesse-
ment, under the Seales and signes manuelles of the said Commissio-
ners, deliuer vnto sufficient and substancial inhabitaunts, Constables,
Thirdborowes, bailifes, or their officers, iointly of hundredes, townes,
parishes, and other places aforesaide, wythin their limits, or to other
sufficient persons, inhabitaunts of the same, onely by the discretion of
the same commissioners, and as the places & parties shal requier, aswell
the particuler names and surnames, as the remembraunce of al summes
of money, tared and set, of and vppon euery person, aswel man as wo-
man chargeable to this acte, houlholder, and all other inhabitaunts
and dwellers, and all Fraternities, Guyldes, Corporations, Mistre-
ries, brotherhoddes, companies, and commynalties, corporate, or not
corporate, within the said parishes, townes, and places, contributorie
to this act of reliefe. By auctoritie of which writing or estreat so deli-
uered, the said officers or other persons so named and deputed seueral-
ly shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, immedi-
ately after the deliuerie of the said writing or estreat, to demaunde,
leuie, and gather of euerie person and fraternitie, guylde, corporation,
misterie, brotherhode, companie, and commynaltie, corporate or not cor-
porate therein specified, the summe or summes in the same writing or
estreate compriſed. And for non payment thereof, to distrein the goods
and cattelles, of such person, fraternitie, guilde, corporation, misterie,
brotherhodde, companye and commynaltie, corporate, or not corpo-
rate, and the distresse so taken, to kepe by the space of viij. dayes at the
costes and charges of the owner therof. And if the saide owner do not

pay such summe of money, as shalbe taxed by this act, within the same iiij. daies, then the said distresse to be appryzed, by iiij. neyghbours of the inhabitants, where such distres is taken, and also to be sold by the sayde Constable and other Collectours for the payment of the said money and the ouerplus comming of the sale and keping thereof (if any be) to be immediatly restored to the owner of the same distresse, which said officers and other persons so deputed, to aske, take, gather, and leue the sayde summes, shal answere and be charged for their porcion, onely to them assigned or limitted, to be gathered, leuied & compiled in the said writing or effecte to them, as is aforesaid deliuered, vnto the vse of our soueraigne Lord the kyng, his heires and successours, and the said summe in that writing or effecte compiled, to pay vnto the high collectour or collectours of that place, for the collection of the same, in maner & forme vnder written, to be named & deputed. And the same inhabitants and officers so gatheringe the same particuler summes for their collection thereof, shal retaine for euery xx.s. so by them receyued & paied ij.s. and that to be allowed at the payment of their collection by them to be made by the high collectour or collectours.

Prouided alwaies, and be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctho-rite aforesaide, that if any person not being the kinges Subiect naturally borne, Denizen or not Denizen, being aboue the age of xij. yeres, and worth xx.s. in goods, and be at the time of the payment of the reliefes of iiij.s. due by this act of euery such person, or at any time during the said three yeres, in seruice with any man or woman, or vnder the gouernance of his or her father or mother, that euery such master or maister, father or mother shalbe charged with the payment therof, for such person in like maner & forme, as he or she is, or ought to bee for the reliefes due by them selues. And that it shalbe lawful for euery such master and masters, to default, abate, and retaine of the wages of such seruaunt, so much as he or she had before paied for such seruaunt towardes the payment of the said reliefes.

And further be it enacted by the said auctho-rite of this present parliament, that the said commissioners shal yerely during the said iij. yeres name such sufficient & able persons, which then shal haue and possesse landes, or other hereditaments in their owne right, of the yerely value of x. poundes, or goodes to the value of an C. marke at the least, and the same persons seuerally by the discretions of the same Commissioners in shires, ridinges, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, townes corporate & other whatsoeuer places, as wel within places priuileged, as without not being forprised in this act, to be high collectours & haue the collection & receipt of the said summes, set & leuyable within the precinct, limits, and boundes where they shalbe so limitted, to gather and receyue to-uery of the which collectours so seuerally named, the said Commissioners or iij. of them at the least, yerely during the said iij. yeres within

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dayes next after the saide whole summe of the saide reliefes shalbe leuied by all the limits of the same their commissions, or in such limytes as the high collectors shalbe in seuerally assigned, shal vnder their seales & signets manual, deliuer one estreat indented in parchment to euery of the same high collectors, comprising in it the names of all such persons as were assigned to leuie the said particular summes, and the summes of euery hundred, wapentake, towne, or other place aforesaid, with the names & surnames of the persons so chargeable, according to the estreat to suche thereof made as before said, & deliuered, and the Collectors so to be assigned shalbe charged to answer the whole summe comprised in the saide estreat limytted to his collection, as is aforesaid.

And be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that the said Commissioners hauinge authority by this act to name the said high collectors of the said reliefes yerely, during the said three yeares, shall immediatly vpon their nominacion and election, take by authoritye of this present parliament sufficient recognisaunces or Obligations with out any fee or reward to be paied therefore, of euery person, so by them to be named to the high collectors to be bounde to the Kinge in the double summe of the summe of his collection, and to be indorsed & made vpon such condicion, that if the said collectors, his heires, or executours, do truely content & pay to the vse of the king, his heirs, or executours, in his estreate of his Exchequer, before the day appointed by this acte, so much of the saide summe of money, allotted and appointed to his collection, as hee shall or ought to gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge with in one moneth next after such tyme, as he hath gathered and collected the same residue, that then the saide recognisances & obligation to be voide, or els to stande in his full strength and vertue. Which recognisans or obligacion so taken, the said commissioners shall certefye and deliuer into the Kinges Exchequer, with the certificat of the said taxation and rate of the said relief, at and by the tyme to them prescribed & appointed by this acte, vpon paine of forfaiture of x. pounde to the kinge for euery recognisaunce or obligation not certefied. And that euery such collectour so elected, named and chosen vpon request to him made, shal knowlege & make the said recognisance or obligacion, vpon the paine & forfaiture of x pounde to the kinge for the refusall thereof: and euery such collector, so yearely deputed, hauinge the said estreat in parliment, as is afore saide, shal haue authority by this act yearely during the said three yers to appoint daies and places, within the circuit of his collectiō for the paiment of the said relefe to him to be made, and thereof to giue warninge by proclamation or otherwise, to al the saide cōstables, or other persons or inhabitants, hauinge the charge of the particular collection within the hundreds, parishes, townes, or other places by him & them limyted, to make paiment for their said particuler collection of

euery summe as to them shall appertaine, vnder & at the said day & place so limited and prefixed by the said collectors, the said constables, officers or other persons any inhabitantes (as is aforesaid) for the said particular collection appointed and assigned within such hundred, citie, towne or other place, do not pay vnto the said collectors, the summes within their seuerall hundredes, townes, parishes & other places due and compted in the said seuerall estreates thereof to be deliuered by the said Commissioners as is before said, or so much thereof as they haue by any meanes receiued & of euery pound for the said graunt vpon collection, as is before said, allowes to be thereof abated: excepted & alwaies prouided that it shall be lawfull to the said high collectors & euery of them, & to their assignes to distreine euery of the said Constables, officers & other inhabitantes for their said seuerall particular collections of the said summes contained in the said estreate, & to leuy the same of their goodes & cattalles, & euery of them, as is before expressed, deliuered, as to so much of the same summe, as shall happen to be gathered and leuied, being behynde, and vnpaid by the goodes & cattalles of such of them so to arrage behinde, and the distresse so taken to be kept, ordered & solde, as is aforesaid: and them to take and leuy the summe so then being behinde & vnpaid, & the surplus comming of the sale of the said distres (if any be to be reserued) deliuered vnto the owners, in conuenient manner remembred.

Prouided alwaies, that no person inhabited in any cytie, borough, or towne corporate, shalbe assessed to be an assessour or collector, or for any part of the said subsidie, in any place or places out of the said cytie, borough, or towne corporate where he dwelleth. And it is also by the said authority enacted, that if any inhabitant, or officer, or whatsoeuer person or persons charged to and for the collection or receipt of any part or portion of the said subsidie, in any of the said three yeares, in any manner of meane according to this act, or any person or persons for them selues, or as their deputy, factor, or attorney of & for any other person or persons, of any goods & cattalles, and the owner thereof at the time of the said assessing & taxing, being out of this realme, or in any other parts not knowen, or absent for the goods & cattalls of any other person or persons, or of any corporation, fraternitye, guilde, misterye, company or other whatsoeuer communaltie, beinge incorporate, or not incorporate, and all persons hauinge in their rule, gouernance or custodye any goods or cattalls, at the time of the said assessinge, or any of them to be made, or which for any cause, for, and by collection of him selfe, or for any other, by reason that he hath the rule, gouernaunce or custody of any goods or cattalls of any other person or persons, fraternitie, guilde, Corporation, Communaltye, Companye, or Misterye, or any such other like, or as factor, deputie, or atturney, or for any person, shalbe tared, rated, valued, and set to any summe or summes, by reason of this act, and after the taration or assessing vppon any such person or

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persons as shalbe charged with the receipt of the same happen to die, or depart from the place where he was so tared & set, or his goodes & cattailes to be so eloyned, or in such priuie and couert maner kept, and the said person or persons charged with the same, by extreats or other writing from the said commissioners, cannot ne may leuie the same summe or summes, comprysed within their said extreats by distres, within the limittes of their collection, as is aforesaide, or cannot sel such distres, or distresses, as to be taken for any of the said yerely payments, before the time limited to the high Collector for his payment to bee made in the kings receipt: then vpon relation therof made, with due examinatyon by the othe or examination of such person or persons, as shalbe charged with & for the receipt & collection of the same, before the said commissioners or one of them, or before the high collector or collectors, where such person or persons, or other as is aforesaid, their goodes & cattells were set & tared, and vpon plaine certificat thereof made into the kings Exchequer by the said Commissioners, or any one of them, or vpon the oth of one of the high collectors in ỳ said court of therchequer, of the dwelling place, names & surnames of ỳ said persõs, of whom the said sũmes cannot be leuied & had, as is aforesaid, then aswel the constables & other inhabitãts appointed for the particuler collection against the high collectors, as the high collector vpon his accompt & othe in the said Exchequer to be discharged therof, & proces to be made for the kinge out of the said Exchequer, by the discretion of the Barons of the said Exchequer, against such person, his heires or executors so being behinde with his payment. And ouer that, the same Commissioners to whom any such declaration of the premisses, shalbe made in forme aforesaide, from time to time, shal haue full power & authoritie during the said iij. yeres, to direct their precept or precepts, vnto the said person or persons charged with any summe, of, for, or vpon any such person or persons, or otherwise as is abouesaid, or of any Shirifes, sheweardes, bailifes, or other what soeuer officer, minister, person or persons, of such place or places where any such person or persons so owing such summe or sũmes, shal haue lands & tenemẽts, or other hereditaments, or real possessions, goods or cattels, whereby any such person or persons so indebted, hys heires, executors, or assignes, or other hauing ỳ custody, gouernance, or possessiõ of any goods, cattels, lãds, tenements, or other hereditamẽts which ought or may by this act, lawfully be distreined or taken for the same, hath, & shal haue goods, cattels, lands, tenements, & other possessions, whereof such summe or summes, which by any person or persons may or ought to be leuied, be it within the limit of such cõmission, wher such person or persons was or were tared, or without, in any place within the realme of England, Wales, or other the kings dominiõs, marches & territories: by which precept, aswel such person or persons as shalbe charged to leuy such money, as thofficers of such place or places where

such distresse may be taken, shal haue full power and auctho͞ritie to dis-
traine euery such person indebted, charged, or chargeable by this act,
or his executors or administrators, of his goodes & cattells, his factors
deputies, lessees, farmors, & assignes, and all other persons, by whose
handes, or out of whose landes any such person should haue rent, fee,
annuitie, or any other profite, or which at the time of the said assessinges
shall haue goodes or cattels, or any other thing moueable, of any such
person or perso͞s being indebted or owing such summe. And the distres
so taken, to cause to be kept, appreised, & sold, in like maner and fourme
as is aforesaide, for the distres to be taken vpon persons to be tared to
the said reliefe, & being sufficient to distraine within the limittes of the
Collectors inhabitaunts, or other officers charged, with or for the same
summes, so vpon them to be tared. And if any such distres for non-pay-
ment happen to bee taken out of the limit of the persons charged, and
assigned to leuie the same, the persons so charged for the leuying of eue-
rie such summe by distresse, shal perceiue & take of the same distresse for
the labour of euery person, going for thexecution thereof for euery mile
that any such person so laboureth for the same iij.d. And euery farmor,
tenaunt, factour, or other whatsoeuer person being distreyned, or other-
wise charged for payment of any such summe or summes, or any other
summe, by reason of this act, shalbe of such summe or summes, of him or
them so leuied and taken, discharged, and acquited, at his next day of
paimẽt of the same, or at the deliuery of such goods & cattels, as he that
is so distreyned, had in his custodie or gouernaunce against him or them
that shalbee so tared & set: any graunt or writing obligatorie, or other
whatsoeuer matter to the contrary made heretofore not withstanding.

And if any such person that should be so distreyned, haue no landes &
tenements sufficient, whereby he or his tenaunts and farmors might be
distreyned, or hath eloyned, alyened, or hid his goods & cattels, whereby
he should or might be distreined, in such maner, that such goodes & cat-
tels, shal not be knowen or founde, so that the summe by him to be paid
in the said fourme, shal ne can be conueniently leuied, then vpon relati-
on thereof vnto the Cõmissioners, where such person or persons were
tared and sette by the othes of him or them, that shalbe charged with
the leuie & paiment of that summe or summes, the same Commissioners
shal make precept in such maner as is aforesaide, for to attach, take, &
arrest the bodie of such person or persons, that ought to pay the same
summes, & by this act shalbe charged, with and for the same summe or
summes, & them so taken, safely to be kept in prison, within the shire, or
other place, where any such person or persons shalbe taken & attached,
there to remaine vvout bayle or mainprise, vntil he haue paied the same
or summes, that such persons, for himselfe, or for any other by this act,
shalbe chargeable or ought to be charged withall, and also for the fees
of euery such arrest to him or them that shall execute such precept xx.d.

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And that euery officer, vnto whom such precept shalbe directed, doe his true diligence to execute the same vpon euery person so being indebted vpon paine to forfait to our Soueraigne Lord the king, for euery default in that behalfe xx.s. And that no keper of any gaile, from his gaile suffer any such person to go at large by letting to baile, or otherwise, to depart out of his prison, before he haue paied his said debt, and the said xx.d. for the said arrest, vpon paine to forfait to our soueraigne lord xl.s. & the same gailer to pay vnto our said soueraigne Lord, ỹ double value aswel of the rate, which the said person so imprisoned was tared at, as of the said xx.d. for the fees. And lyke proces and remedy in lyke fourme shalbe graunted by the said Commissioners at like infomation of euery person or persons, being charged with any summe of money for any other person or persons, by reason of the said reliefes, euery of the sayd iij. yeres, and not thereof paied, but wilfully withdrawen, ne the same leuable within the limit where such person was thereunto tared. And if the summe or summes being behinde vnpaide, by any person or persons, as is before saide, be leuied and gathered by force of the said proces to be made by the same Commissioners, or if in default, or for lacke of payment thereof, the person or persons so owing the said summe or summes of money, by proces of the same Commissioners to be made (as is aforesaid,) be committed to prison in fourme aboue saide: that then the said Commissioners, which shal awarde such proces, shall make certificate therof in the said Exchequer, of that shalbe done in the premisses in the terme next following, after such summe or summes of money so being behinde, shalbe leuied & gathered, of such person or persons, & for non payment of the same committed to prison.

And if it happen any of the saide Collectours to bee assigned, or anye Maior, sherife, stewarde, constables, hedboroughes, burholder, baylif, or any other officer or minister, or other whatsoeuer person or persons, to disobey the said cõmissioners or any of thẽ, in the reasonable requeste to thẽ made by the said cõmissioners, for the yerely execution of the said cõmission, during the said iij. yeres, or if any of thofficers or other persons do refuse that to them shall appertaine or belong to do, by reason of any precept to be to him or thẽ directed, or any reasonable cõmaũdement, instaunce, or requeste touching the premisses, or other default in ame apparãce, or collection do make, or if any person being suspect, or not to be indifferently tared, as is aforesaid, do refuse to be examined according to the tenor of this act, before the said Commissioners, or as many of them, as shalbe therunto assigned, as is aforesaid, or wil not appeare before ỹ same cõmissioners, vpon warning to him made, or els make resistãce or rescous vpon any distres, vpon him to be taken for any parcel of ỹ said relief, or cõmit any misbehauior in any maner of wise, cõtrary to this act, or cõmit any wilful omission, or other whatsoeuer wilful non doing or misdoing, contrary to the tenor of this act or graunt: the same

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Commissioners, or two of them at the least, vpon probable knowledge of any such misdemeanors, had by information or examination, shall & may set vpon euery such offendor, for euerie such offence in name of a fyne by the same offendor to be forfaited xx.s. or vnder, by the discretion of the same Commissioners. And further the said Commissioners, and euery number of them, or ij. of them at the least, shal haue auctoritie by this present parliament, to punish euery such offendour by imprisonment there to remaine, & to be deliuered by their discrecion, as shal seeme to them conuenient. The said fines (if any such be) to be certified by ỳ said commissioners, that so assessed the same into the said kings Exchequer there to be leuied & paied, by the Collectors of that parties for the sayd reliefes returned into the said Exchequer, to be therwith charged with the payment of the said reliefes, in such maner, as if the said fines had ben set & tared vpon the said offendors, for the said reliefes.

It is also enacted by the said auctoritie of this present parliament, that euery of the said high Collectors, which shall accompt for any part of the said reliefes in the kings Exchequer, vpon their seueral saide accompts to be yelden, shalbe allowed yerely during the said three yeres, for euery pound limitted to his collection, whereof any such Collectour shalbee charged and yelde accompt vj. pence, as parcel of theyr sayde charge, that is to say, two pence of euery pound thereof, for suche persons as then haue had the particuler collection in the townes and other places (as is aforesaid) specified in his collection: & other two pence of euery pounde thereof, euery of the saide chyefe Collectours there accomptant, to receiue to their owne vse for their labour and charge, in & about the premisses: and two pence of euery pound residue to be deliuered, allowed, and paied by the said collector, so being thereof allowed to such of the Commissioners, as shal take vppon them the busines and labour, for and about the premisses: That is to say, euery Collectour to pay that Commissioner or Commissioners, which had the ordering and the writinges, of and for the said reliefes, where the saide Collectour or Collectours had their collection, for expences of the sayde Commissioners, so takinge vppon them the said busines, and labour of theyr Clerkes, writing the said preceptes and estreates for the saide collections, the same last ij. pence of euery pound, to be deuided amongest the said commissioners, hauing regard to the labour and busines taken by them and their said Clerkes, in and about the premisses, for which part so to the said Commissioners attayning, the said Commissioners and euery of them iointly and seuerally for his or their said part, may haue his remedy against the sayde Collectour or collectours, which therof bene, and might haue bene allowed, by action of debt, in whiche the defendaunt shall not wage his law, neither protection or other essoyne shalbe allowed.

And that no personne nowe beinge of the number of the companye

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of this present parliament, nor any Cõmissioner shalbe named or assigned to be any collector, subcollector, or presentor of the foide reliefes, or of any part thereof, nor no commissioner shalbe compelled to make any presentment or certificate other then in ỳ kings Exchequer, or for ought concerning the said reliefes, or any part therof, in any of the said fyue yeres: in like wise that none other person that shalbe named or assigned to be commissioner in any place, to and for the execution of this act of reliefs in any of the said iii. yeres, be or shalbe assigned or named hed Collector in any of the said iij. yeres of the said reliefes, neither of any part therof. And that euery such person or persons which shalbe named & appointed (as is afore said) to be hed Collectors in & for any of the sayde three yeres, shal not be compelled to be collectors for the other and latter yeare. And the said Collectors, which shalbe assigned for the collection of the said reliefes, or of any part therof, & euery of them be & shalbe acquited and discharged of al maner fees, rewardes, & of euery other charge in the kinges Exchequer, or els where, of them or any of them, by reason of that collection, payment, or accomptes, or any thyng concerning the same to bee asked. And that if any person receiue and take any fee, rewardes or pleasures of any such accomptant: that then he shal forfait to the king, for euery peny or value of peny so taken xx. pence, and suffer imprisonment at the kinges pleasure.

And after the taring & asselling of the said yerely reliefes, (as before said had and made, and the said estreates therof in parchment, vnto the Collectors, (in maner & fourme before rehearsed) deliuered, the said commissioners, which shal take vpon them the execution of this act, and in the limits of their commission, by their agreements, shall haue meetinges together, at which meting euery of ỳ said commissioners which then shal haue taken vpon them, the execution of any part of the said commission, shal by himselfe, or by his sufficient Deputie, truely certifie and ioyne both vnto thother commissioners named in the same cõmission, the certificat & presentment made before him & such other Commissioners, as were limitted with him in one limit, so that ỳ same certificates may be accompted & cast with other certificates of thother limits within the same Commission: & then the said commissioners, & euery number of them, vnto ij. at the least (as is afore said) if they be in life, or their executours or administrators, of their goods, if they be then dead, shal ioyntly & severally as they were deuided within their limits, vnder their seals yerely, during the said three yeres, by their discretion, make one or seueral writings indented, conteining in it, as wel the names of the said collectors, by the Commissioners, for such collection & accompt in the exchequer, & payment in the said receipt, deputed and assigned, as the grosse & seueral summes, written vnto euery such collector, to receyue the said reliefes, & also al fines, amerciaments, & other forfaitures, if any such by reason of this act, happen to be within the precinct and limit of their

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commission to be certified into the the kings Exchequer, by ꝑ said Commissioners yerely during the said iij. yeres, before the dayes of payment thereof, at the said receipt limitted and appointed. In which writings or writinges indented so to be certified, shalbe plainly declared & expressed, as well the whole & entier summes and summe of the said reliefs, severally limitted to the collection of the said Collectors, as the names of the saide collectors, severally deputed & alligned to the collection of the saide summes, so that none of the said Collectors so certified in the said Exchequer, shalbe compelled there to accompt, or to be charged, but onely to and for the summes limitted to his collection, and not to or for any summe limitted to the collection of his fellowes, but that every of them shalbe severally charged for their parts limitted to their collection. And if the said Commissioners, joyned in one commission among themselues, in that matter cannot agree, or if any of them be not ready, or refuse to make certificate, with other of the same Commissioners: That then the same Commissioners may make several Indentures in forme aforesaide, of their severall limits or seperations of collectours within the limits of their Commission, upon, & in the hundredes, wards, wapentakes, Lathes, rapes, or such other like devisions, within their said severall lymitts of their commission, as the places there shall require to bee severed and devyded, and as to the same Commissioners shall seeme to make devisions of their lymitts or collections, for the severall charges of the same Collectors, so that alway one Collectour shalbe charged and accompt for his part, to him to be lymitted onely by himselfe, and not for any summe lymitted to the part of anye of hys fellowes. And the charge of every of the Collectors, to bee set and certified severally upon them, and every such Collector upon his accompt and payment of the summes of money, lymitted within his collection to be severally by him selfe acquyted and discharged in the said Exchequer, without payinge any maner of fees or rewardes, to any person or persons for the same, upon the payne and penaltie last above layde, and not to be charged for any portion of any other Collectours. And if any commissioner, after he hath taken certificat of them, that (as is aforesaid) shal before any such commissioner be examined, & the summes rated and set, & the bookes & writings thereof being in his handes, of any Collector or other person, charged with any receipt of any parte of any of the said reliefs, or any other person taxed, or otherwise by this act charged, with and for any parcel of the said reliefes, or wyth any other summe or fine, amerciament, penaltie, or other forfaiture, happen to die before such commissioners, collector, or other whatsoeuer person or persons haue executed, accomplished, satisfied, or sufficiētly discharged it, which to every such person shall appertaine or belonge to do according to this act, then the executors and heires of every such person, and al other seyzed of any landes or tenements, that any such person being

being charged by this act, and deceasing before he be discharged thereof or any other to his use onely had of estate of inheritaunce at the time that any such person was named Commissioner, Collector, or in any other wise charged with & for any maner of thing to be done, satisfied or payed by reason of this acte, and all those that have in their possession any goodes, any goodes or catteles, that were to any such person at the time of his death, landes or tenements that were the same persons at the time that he was (as is afore said) charged by this acte: shalbe by the same compelled and charged to do and accomplishe in every case as the same person so being charged should have done, and might have ben compelled to do, if he had bene lyving, after such rate of the landes and goodes of the said Commissioner or Collector, as the partye shall have in his hands. And if the same Commissioners for causes reasonable by them moving, shal thinke it not convenient to joyne in one certificat, as is afore said: then the said person or persons that shal first joyne together in the that shal first certifie the said writing indented, as is afore said, shal certifie al the names of the Commissioners of that commission, whereupon such writinges shalbee there then to be certified with divisions of the hundredes, wapentakes, wardes, rythinges or other places, and among such commissioners of the same commission, with the names of the same Commissioners, where such seperations & denisions shalbe, with the grosse summes of money, aswel of & for the saide reliefes tared or set, of, or within the said hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, or other places to him or them denided or assigned that shall so certifie the said first writing, as of fynes, amerciaments, penalties and other forfaitures, if any happen to be within the same limites whereof the same writinges shalbe certified.

And after such writing indented, which (as is afore said) shalbe certified, and not conteine in it the whole and full summes set & tared within the limits of the same commission, the other commissioners of the same county of the said three yeres, before the day of payment of the saide reliefes, at the receipt limitted and appointed by this acte, shal certifie into the saide Exchequer by their writinge or writinges indented to bee made, as is afore saide, the grosse and severall summes sette and tared within the places to them limitted for the saide reliefes and other fines amerciaments, penalties, and forfaitures, with the names of the hundredes, wards, wapentakes, and other places to them assigned: or els in their said writinges indented to certifie at the saide place before the day of payment thereof at the said receipt, as is afore saide, reasonable causes for their excuses, why they may not make such certificat, of and for the saide reliefes, with fines, amerciaments, penalties, and other forfaitures growing or set by reason of the causes of their lettes, or of their non certifying, as is aboue said, or els in default thereof proces to be made out of the kinges Exchequer against the said commissioners,

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and euery of them not making certificat, as it is aforesaide, by the discrecion of the Treasorer and Barons of the said Exchequer.

Prouided alwaies, that if any person or persons chargeable to the reliefe of payment for his goodes, shall happen at any time during the said three yeres, to be set or presented in two or mo places then one, and the same being certified into the kinges court of Exchequer, that then the parte or parties so set or presented and certified, taking a corporall othe before the Barons of the kinges Exchequer, or before any two of them, or before any person or persons being authorized by commission to be directed from the said Barons, or any of them, which commission or commissions, the said Barons or ij. of them, shalbe authorized & haue full power & authoritie to make by this act, that he or they is or be the same selfe person or persons so set, and that he or they is or be set or presented in two or mo places then one. And that he or they haue then taken by the space of one yere, next before the takinge of the same othe his continuant & dwelling in any one of the same places, wher he or they be so happen to be set or presented then in the other: that then the parte or parties so set or presented in two or mo places then one, & so taking his othe without any other plee or writinge, shalbee clerely discharged against the king, his heires and successors, of euery of the sayde assessments and presentments: sauing onely of the assessment and presentment in the place where he or they was, or were most conuersant and dwelling, as is aforesaid.

And it is also enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that the Barons of the kings Exchequer, or two of them for the time being, shal not only haue full power & authoritie to receiue & take the othe of such parte or parties, as shalbee so set or presented in any mo places then one, but shall also vpon the same othe or othes so taken, discharge the parte or parties of al such summes of money, as he or they should be in any wise charged with, sauing onely of such summes of money, as ye same parte or parties were so sessed at such place & places where he or they haue most conuersant & dwelling, as is aforesaid.

And to the intent the kings Maiestie may be truely & iustly answered of the said relefe of the polle of shepe before by vs graunted to his highnes. Be it ordeyned & enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that presently during the saide iij. yeres before the first day of May, there shalbe a Commission with scedules, conteyning in them the tenor of this act to be annexed to such commission directed, vnder the kings great seale of England, into euery countie, shire, ryding, citie, borough, towne corporate, and the Ile of Wight, & into all & euery other place within the Realme, and other the kinges dominions, that is or shalbe chargeable to the payment of the said relefe of the polle of shepe to such persons, as the same yere before were Commissioners for the assessements & taxation of the value of euery persons goods & substaunce, in the same shire

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or other place, or to as many of them as shalbe then liuing, and to suche other persons as the said Lord Chauncellour and other with him before named shal name and appoint. By the which commission, the commissioners shal haue full power & auctoritie to enquire, by the othes of the person, vicar, or curate, and .iiij. or as many honest persons of euery parishe, village, and hamlet, within the limittes of their commission, whereof the Constable, Tithingman, or Borsolder shalbe one, if any constable, tithingman, or Borsolder bee dwelling in the same parishe, village, or hamlet, & by the othes of as many other honest and discrete persons as they shal thinke conuenient, or otherwise by suche meanes and polycies as they shal think best, whereby ỹ trueth may appeare of ỹ number and natures of all and singuler sheepe, beyng within the limites of their commission whose they bee, in what towne or parishe the owner dwelleth & of what estate or degree he is, & whether for the most parte of the yeare they bee kept in seuerall pastures, or seuerall Marshes, or in commons, or grounded commonly vsed to be tilled: the tenour of which othe hereafter foloweth.

I Be shal diligently enquire, and iustly and truly present and certify vs the kings Commissioners, what number of ewes, wethers, & other shere sheepe be, within ỹ limites of your charge, whose they be, in what towne or parish the owner dwelleth, of what condition & degree he is, & whether for the most part of the yere they be kept in seuerall pastures or seuerall Marshes, or in commons or grounded commonly vsed to bee tilled, as ye trust to be saued by the merites of Chistes passion.

And it is also ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that yerely during the said .iij. yeres on ỹ Tuesday after the said feast of the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptist, there shalbe a generall suruey made of all & singuler sheepe, in euery parishe, village, & other place within this realme, the Ile of Wight, & other the kings dominions chargeable to the payment of this relief of sheepe, by such persons as shalbe appointed and sworne to do the same in maner and fourme before reherced.

And that vpō such suruey, euery shepe shalbe taken for a shere sheepe, that is at that time of suruey of the age of one yeare, or more, albeit the same sheepe be not at that time shorne.

And it is further ordained & enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that if any person to thintent to defraud thexecution of this statute, shal remoue the saide daye of suruey, his sheepe before the suruey taken from the vsual place where they were cōmonly kept for the most part of the yere, or els shal cause them or any part of them, to be conueied to any other place, whereby they shal not be surueied, or whereby ỹ king shal lose any part of the relefe to him geeuen by this statute, that euerie person offending, shal forfait and lose to the kinges maiestie, treble so much as he ought to pay by vertue of this statute.

And it is also ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that

if any person summoned to appeare before the sayd Commissioners to make defaulte hauing no reasonable excuse or appearing, shal refuse to take the said othe, or taking the said othe shall not diligently attende endeuour thereuppon thereof, or shal not appeare, & make presentmente before the saide Commissioners, at suche time and place, as hee shalbe appointed, that euery person so offending, for euerie suche defaute shal forfeit, and lose to the kings maiestie. xl.s.

And it is also ordeined and enacted, by thauctoritie aforesaide, that euerie duringe the said three yeres, within one moneth next after the sheepe, and the presentmentes made by the bewers of the hundredes in maner and fourme as is before declared, the commissioners in euery shire, or other place shall all or the most part assemble themselues together, and conferre the presentmētes made before them of the sheepe, and the presentmētes before made of the value of the goodes and substaunce of all persones within the limittes of their commission. And that vpon suche collations of the presentmētes, if it shal appeare vnto them that anie person is chargeable by vertue of this acte, to paye for the polle of his sheepe, which before was not charged for his goods. Or that suche person within the limittes of their cōmissiō be chargeable to paye more after the rate of the poll of his sheepe presented before thē, then he was before for the value of the substaunce of his goodes, that the sayde Commissioners, or the more part of them as they shalbe deuyded, shall within one moneth next after such assembly by their writings indented to bee signed and sealed by them, make for the extreates of all & singuler summes of money that anye person ought to paye for the rate of the polle of his sheepe, not beinge before charged with hys goodes, or for the ouerplus that anie person ought to paye for that the rate of the polle of his sheepe doth surmount the payment before made of the value of his goodes. And the same writings, shal not only deliuer vnto sufficient and substaunciall inhabitantes constables, subconstables, and other officers & people ioyntly of hundredes, townes, parishes, and other places within the limittes where the owners dwell, or haue their most vsuall abydinge to be leuied, gathered, and receiued of the owner of suche sheepe, or his executours or administratours, but also shall in like maner deliuer the same writing to the hyghe Collectour of the same limitt, to charge him with the receipt therof of the subcollectour or subcollectours, and the paiment thereof at the kinges receipt. And that the said subcollectours & Commissioners, shall not onely haue for their labour. vi.d. of euerye pounde comming, and growinge, and to bee payed to the kynges Maiestie for the reliefe of the polle of the sheepe by vertue of this acte, but also that they and euery of them shall haue the like power and auctoritie to gather and leuie the same, and all fynes and forfeytures comminge and growinge for the execution and gathering of thys reliefe of the polle of sheepe by such like waies and meanes as before in thys act be limitted and

and appointed for the lewying and gathering of the reliefe of goodes. And that the said commissioners, collectors, & all & euery other person and persons shall behaue, order, and vse themselues in al and euerye thing concerning the execution of this part of the statute, touchinge the lewying and gathering of the reliefe of the polle of sheepe, as before in this acte is limitted and appointed for to do touchinge the reliefe of the goods vpon like paines, penalties and forfeitures, as be before declared in this acte.

Prouided alwayes, & be it ordeyned and enacted by thauctho̅itie aforesaide that all and singuler sūmes of money due to the kinges Maiestie of this reliefe of the polle of sheepe, shalbe gathered by the subcollectors or high collectour of the limittes where the owner dwelleth, & in none other place.

And it is further ordeined & enacted by thauctho̅itie aforesaide, that the said Commissioners for the survey of the number and value of the sheepe shall yerely during the said three yeres make returne and certificat vnto the kinges Exchequer before the .x. daye of October, as well of the countrepane of all & euery extreates deliuered by them to the high collectours, as also of all & singuler presentments made before them, & of all & singuler their proceedings concerning the sayd commission. And that in the ende of all and euery their certificats they shal make special remembraunces & declarations of all and singuler persons not dwelling within the limittes of their commission, that haue sheepe within y limites of the same commission where such persons dwel, and of what state and degree they be, what number, & what kind of sheepe they be, & in what grounds for the most part of the yere they bee kept. And that in such returne & certificat of the commission, to be made by the commissioners for the survey of sheepe, being conferred with the bookes of the value of the substaūce of euery person, if it shal appere that the kinges Highnesse ought to haue more by any meanes towarde the relief then before was paied & payable, that then vpō an extreate to be made out of the said court of the Exchecker to the high collectour of the place where the partie that ought to paye more dwelleth, the same to be levied or shalbe therewith charged, and shall gather and leuie the same in the maner and forme as he ought to do the rest of his collections.

And to thintent the kinges Maiestie may be fully answered for the reliefe by hym before graunted of the price and value of all clothes: Be it further ordeined and enacted, that the Commissioners to be appointed for the execution of the reliefe of the substaunce of euerie person, shall haue full power and auctho̅itie by vertue of thys acte and of their commission, which shalbe deuided, to name, constitute, and appoint in euery cytie, burgh, towne, hundred, and parishe, within the limittes of their de-

nisions by their discretions, such & so many honest, substancial, and discrete menne to be praisers of the said clothes, chargeable to the paiment of this relefe of clothes, as they shal thinke conuenient and necessary, & them from time to time to alter and put newe in their places as they shall haue occasion. And that the saide praisors before they take vppon them the appraisement of such clothes, shalbe sworne in maner & forme following.

Ye shal faithfully and truely esteeme and set the iust price and value of all such clothes as shalbe brought vnto you to bee viewed & prayed, as ye shall in your consciences think the same worth, to be solde when they shalbe wrought, and the same shal not suffer to be deliuered out of your custodie, till yee haue made of the coloure, kinde and price thereof an entrye, both in the booke of the clothier, and also of the Aulnageur, or hys deputie, and set to your handes or markes, declaringe who was the owner of the clothe, and the kinde & price thereof, so helpe you God, & by this booke.

And it is also ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that all kinde of clothes, which from and after the feast of the Natiuitie of saint Iohn Baptist next commynge, duringe the space of three yeares then folowing, shalbe made within this Realme or Wales, to be vttered and put to sale, shalbe sealed with the kings seale, remaining in the custodie of the Aulnageour, or his deputie or deputies, and praysed by two of the said praisers at the least, and entred into the bookes hereafter in this acte mencioned, vpon payne of forfaiture of the same clothe, the one halfe to the kynges Maiestie, the other to the partie that shal seaze the same.

And it is also enacted by thauctoritie aforesaide, that there shalbe iij. bookes perely made, of the apprayseing of all and euery kinde of clothe to be made during the said iij. yeres, the one of which bookes to remayne with the Aulnageour or his deputie, wherin shalbe written the name, kinde and price of all and singuler clothes, vewed and apprayseed that yere, according to the tenor of this Statute, vnto which booke the owner of euery clothe or some other person for him, and the praisers shall set their handes or markes when the clothe is sealed. And the other two shal remaine with the owner of the said clothe, whereunto the said Aulnageour and praisours shal set their handes and markes. And that the owner of all and euery clothe chargeable to the paiment of the said clothes graunted by this acte, yerely within xx. daies after the yere expired, shal deliuer his said booke so subscribed or marked with the handes of the Aulnageour or his deputie and praisours to the Commissioners, for the taxation & assessment of the said reliefe, within the limites where such Clothier dwelleth, or to one of them, vpon paine of forfaiture by the same Clothier, of treble so much as he ought to paye for

kinges, by reason of the aforesaid relief of his clothes so sealed.

And it is further ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, þ euery Aulnegeour shal yerely from & after the said feast of the Nactiuitie of S. John Baptist next comming, kepe a perfit boke of the colour, kinde, and price of all and singuler clothes by him sealed, & the names of the owners therof, in maner and fourme as is before declared, & the same books yearely shall make and deliuer to the Commissioners, for the taration of goodes within the limittes where suche Clothe maker dwelleth, or suche of thē, within xx. daies next after the yere expired.

And it is further ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforsayd, that if any Aulnageour or his deputy do not make and deliuer the said booke in maner & fourme before rehersed, or do wilfully conceale any clothe by him sealed, & do not enter it into the saide booke, that for suche offence the saide Aulnageour shal not onely forfayt hys office, but also shall make fine at the kinges will.

And it is also ordeined and enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that the saide Commissioners of that limit hauing receiued the said bookes of the Aulnageour or his deputie or deputies, and the owner of the clothes shall conferre the rates of the reliefe of the clothes comprehended in the said booke, with the taration & payment of the owner of the same clothes for his goods. So that if it shal appeare therby to them, that the owner of anye clothe is chargeable to paye for hys clothes, whiche before was not chargeable for his goodes, for that suche owner ought to paye more after the rate of the reliefe of hys clothes containinge in the bookes deliuered to them, then he was before charged for the value of his substaunce of his goodes, the said Commissioners as they be dewyded shal within one moneth next after þ saide bookes receiued by their writinge indented to be signed & sealed by them, make for the extreates of all and singuler summes of money that any person ought to paye for his clothes, not being before charged with his goodes, & for the ouerplus that any suche person ought to pay for that the rate of his clothes doth surmount the payment of the value of his goodes before made, & the same writing shal deliuer to the high collectour of the same limitte, to charge him with the receipt therof, & the order of the said clothes & payment therof at the kinges receipt. And that the said high collectour shall haue the lyke power & auctoritie to gather & leuy þ same, in the like wayes and meanes as before this act be limitted and appointed to the subcollectour for the leuying and gathering of the reliefe of goodes.

And it is further ordeined and enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that the saide Commissioners shall yerely during the saide three yeres make returns and certificat vnto the kinges Exchequer before the tenth day of October, not onely of the counterpane of all & euery extreates

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delyuered by him to the hygh collector, but also of the booke receyued of the Aulnegeour as is aforesaid, and the prailours names, and of al and singuler their procedings, concerning the said paiment of the reliefe of Clothes.

And it is further ordeined and enacted by the authoriti aforesaid, that euery of the said high collectours which shal accompt for any part of the sayde reliefe of clothes in the kings Eschecker, vpon their seuerall said accompts to be yelden, shalbe allowed yerely during the said three yeares, for euery pound limitted to his collection, whereof any such collector shalbe charged and yelde accompt. vi pēce, as parcel of their said charge, that is to say. ij.d. of euery pounde thereof for such persones as be limited to be prailours, for their paines and labours, and other ij.d. of euery pound thereof euery of the said chiefe collectors there accomptaunt to receyue to their owne vse for their labours and charge in and about the premisses: & ij. pence of euery pound residue to bee deliuered, allowed, and paied by the sayde Collectors, so being thereof allowed, to such of the commissioners as shal take vpon them the business & labour for and about the premisses, that is to saye, euerie Collector to pay to a Commissioner or Cōmissioners, which had the ordering and warning of and for the said reliefe of clothes, where the saide Collectour or Collectours had their collection, for expences of the said Commissioners in taking vpon them the said business and labor of their clarkes, writing the said precepties and estreates for the said collections, the same ij.d. of euery pounde to be deuyded among the saide Commissioners, hauing regarde to the labour and business taken by them and their said clarkes in & about the premisses. For which part so to be paid commissioners attaining the saide commissioners. vi.d. viij. ix. or as many of them as shalbe thereto appointed by the kynges commission & euery of them ioincly and seuerally for his or their said parte may haue his remedy against the said collectour or collectours, which thereof bene and shall haue bene allowed, by accion of debt, in which the defendaunt shall not wage his law, neither protection, iniunction, or other essoine shall be allowed.

Prouided alwayes, that this graunt of reliefe, nor anie other thereby conteined, do in any wise extend to charge the inhabitaunts dwellers within Jersay, Guilsey, and the roiaūte of the same, Cornehammes, Guilnes, and the marches of the same, Jerneley and Garneley or any of them, of for or concerning any goods which the sayde inhabitaunts or dwellers, or any other to their vse haue within Jersay, Guilsey, the roiaūte of the same, Calleys, Hammes, Guilnes, or the marches of the same, Jerneley, Garneley, or in any of them.

Prouided also, that the said graunt of reliefe do not in any manner wise extend to the preiudicial or hurtful to the inhabitaunts or residents

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at this present time within the said Northerne parte, or to any of their members vnited or annexed to the same Countyes, or to any of the said fyue Ports, or for any parte or parcell of the said Dymmes graunted in this present Parliament, of the saide inhabitants now reliaunts or any of them to be taxed, set, rated, leuied, or paied, but that the saide inhabitants & now reliaunts in the saide Ports, & their members, and euery of them be & shalbe of, and from the said graunt & paiment of the fyftenthes of their goodes and cattels, during their reliaunce there, & shalbe acquited & discharged any matter or whatsoeuer thing in this present act, had or made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided also that this present act or ought, ne any other thing therein contained extend not to any of the Englishe inhabitants or reliaunts in any of the counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland the towne of Barwike, the towne of Newcastle vpon Tine, & the Bysshoprick of Durham, nor to any of them, of for, or concerning any goods clothes or sheepe, which the same inhabitauntes or Dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the saide counties of Northumberland, Cumberland & Westmerland or the towne of Barwike, the towne of Newcastle vpon Tine, or the Bishoprickes of Durham or any of them, but that they and euery of them, shalbe of & from the said discharge of & for their goodes, lying & being in the same counties, townes, & bishoprickes, & any of them vtterly, acquited & discharged any thyng in this present act before rehersed to the contrary not withstanding.

Prouided also, that this act, ne any thing therein contained shall not extend to the goodes of any colledge, Hall, or Vsshe, within the Vniuersities of Oxford and Cambridge or any of them, or to the goods of the Colledge of Wynton, founded by bishop Wilham, or to the goods of the colledge of Eaunert Wodlone, or to the goodes of any reader or scholer within the said vniuersities & colleges or any of them there remaying for study without fraude, or couin any thing in this act conteyned the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctholitie aforesaid, that no spiritual person shalbe charged by this acte for any suche goodes or cattels other then of sheepe, nor shalbe charged by this acte for any such sheepe which he hath, or at any time within three yeres next folowing shalbe, or kepe for the only purpose to be spēt, or eaten in his house, so the number of the same sheepe, so purposed to be spēt & eaten yearely in his said house, do not exceede the numbre of three sheepes for one yeare, for any suche his sheepe, as do go & feede, or shall go & feede for the most part, or euery yeue of three yeres next comming, vpon his landes, tenements, or commons, whereof suche spirituall persons is, or shalbe seased in the right of his churche or promotion spirituall, which landes, tenements, or cōmons be chargeable to the paiments of the first fruits & tenthes.

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And forasmuch as diuers and sundry the kings maiesties tenaunts, & other thinhabitaunts & dwellers within the counties of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnor, Mountgomery, Denbigh, Flint, Marioneth, Angleseye, Carnervon, & of the county Palentine of Chester, bee at this present time charged & chargeable with the seuerall paiments of diuers great sumes of money (by y name of a Wyle) due to his Maiestie, according to the seuerall customes of the said counties, for the payment whereof diuers and sundrye the gentlemen and other inhabitaunts of the saide counties bee, & stande bound to his highnes, the kinge our soueraigne Lorde is therefore pleased & contented, that it be prouided, ordeyned, and enacted by thauctho[ritie] aforesaide, that this acte, or any thing therin conteined, shal not extende to charge any of the kinges maiesties tenaunts, & other thinhabitaunts & dwellers within any of the said counties of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknock, Radnor, Mountgomery, Denbigh, Flint, Marioneth, Angleseye, Carnervon and the county Palantine of Chester being charged or chargeable with y said mise, for or with any of the paiments of the said reliefe, graunted to the kynges Maiestie by this acte, vntill the seuerall dayes and times appoynted and agreed for the paiments of the said Wyles shalbe expired. And that the first paiment of the said relefe of goods shalbe made at the receipt of the kinges Exchequer before the first day of May then next folowing after y time appointed for the latter payment to bee made of the sayde Wyle and yerely before the first day of Maye, at the receipt of the said Exchequer, vntill the three seuerall paiments of the said relief be fully made, in like & like maner, forme, and order, as is ordeined and appointed by this acte for the kinges subiectes, concerninge the saide reliefe of goodes to be made at the receipt of the said Exchecker, according to the tenour of this present act. And also y the first paiment of y reliefe for Clothes & Lyne in euery of the said seuerall counties, shalbe made in the saide Exchequer after the said Wyles due to be payed at such and like dayes and times yerely as is afore limitted by this acte, this act or any thing therein conteined to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And furthermore be it enacted by thauctho[ritie] aforesaid, that the inhabitaunts and dwellers of euery of the said Counties, in this present acte membred, shall seuerallye before the feast of S. Martine the Bishop next ensuing, certifie in the kinges saide court of Exchequer vnder the seale of two Justices of peace, of euery of the sayde Counties, whereof the one to be of the Quorum, when and at what day the last payment of the said seuerall Wyles in euery of the sayd Counties shall ende and expire.

The xxxvij. Chapter.

An acte againste the carrying of Bellmettal out of the Realme.

Where in the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the fyrste yeare of our late Soueraigne Lord of famous memorie kynge Henry the eight, it was enacted that no person or persons, should carie, or conuey by water or otherwise, any Brasse, coppet, latton, bell metall, panne metall, gunne metall, or shrosse metall, whether it be (tynne and leade onely excepted) into any part beyonde the Seas, or into any outwarde Realme or dominion, whatsoeuer it be, vpon payne of forfaiture of double the value thereof. And where also by the same acte it was likewise enacted, that no person or persons, at any time thenne to come, should carie any of the said metals, to carie or dispose in any parte of this Realme, vnles such person or persons before the shippinge thereof did declare and manifest vnto the Customer of such a porte or creeke, where the same metall shoulde bee shipped, the true waight of all such metal as should bee shipped and make a sufficient obligacion for the sawe, in the which they were bounden to the saide Customer, to the kinges vse, in suche somme as should amounte to the double value of the said metall so declared and manifested, with condicion that the same should bee dyscharged at some porte or creeke within this Realme, and in no other place, vpon paine to forfait the same, in maner and fourme aboue rehersed, as by the saide acte amongst other thinges more playnely

[illegible] as the paines and forfaitures in the saide statute see not [illegible] and forasmuch also, as by meanes couetous and greedy persons [illegible] no respect or obedyence to the sawes, haue craftely and by [illegible] meanes practised to defraude the saide statute, some by [illegible] rewarding the Searchers, Waiters, pursers, or other officers [illegible] some by secrete conueying therof in small creekes, sluges chests [illegible] or otherwise. Be it therefore ordeyned & enacted, that from [illegible] the feaste of Easter next comming, no person or persons shall carie [illegible] ship, to thintent to carie or conuey, any Brasse, Copper, [illegible] bell metall, pan metal, gunne metal, or shrosse metall, whether it [illegible] or mixte (tynne & leade onely excepted) into any part beyond the [illegible] into any outward Realme or dominion, whatsoeuer it be, vpon [illegible] to forfait the double value thereof, and x.li. for euery thousande [illegible] of the same metall so caried, & conueyed or shipped, to thintent [illegible] caried or conueyed) the triall whereof shalbe in like manner and [illegible], as in the saide former acte is expressed.

And be it further enacted, that no person or persons, after the saide

feast, shall shippe or carrie any of the said metals prohibited by this statute, to carrie or discharge the same in any part of this Realme, unlesse such person or persons before the shipping thereof, do declare and manifest to the Customer of such port or creeke, where the same metal shal be shipped, the true waight of all such metals as shalbe shipped and for also before the shipping thereof make a sufficient obligacion to the King in which he shalbe bounden to the said Customer for his [illegible] and summe, as shal amount to the double value [illegible] so declared and manifested, with condicion as in the said statute is appointed & enacted, & shal make certificat of the discharge thereof in maner, as in the said statute is further ordered and enacted.

And be it further enacted, that if any Customer, Controller, or their deputie or deputies, by colour, or by any other [illegible] suffer any person, after that the metall is shipped or caried contrary to the meaning of this act, to vnde obligacion or obligations, [illegible] for the discharge and certificat of their mynd, as is aforesaid, or suche Customer, so suffering or receyvinge suche obligacion or obligations, shall lose his office and the value of the metall so shipped or caryed.

And be it further enacted, that if any Master, owner, purser, or maine of any shippe, do willingly permit or suffer any of the metals abouesaid to be shipped, contrarie to the tenour of this act, or els permitting any such metall to be shipped, do not disclose the same within dayes after knowledge had to the customer or controller, of the [illegible] port, or his or their deputie or deputies, where the same is shipped, then euery such owner, master, purser, or bottswaine, so willingly permitting the same metall to be shipped, or concealing the same when he receyueth it to be shipped, shal forfait the double value of the same metall so shipped or caried. And if any customer or searcher do willingly [illegible] any of the metals aforesaide, to bee shipped contrary to the meaning of this acte, or els hauing knowledge, that it is secretely shipped or caried, doe not seale the same to the kinges vse, then euery such customer, searcher so offending, shall lose his office, and the value of the metall so shipped or caried.

And be it further enacted, that no person or persons, shal after the feast, lade, ship, or carie into any part beyonde the sea, any of the metals aforesaid, but onely out of such port or creek, where the customer, his deputie is resident and dwellinge, vpon payne of forfaiture of the said metall, and x. pounde for euery thousand weight so shipped or caried, the moitie of all which forfaitures shalbe to our Soueraigne Lord the King, and the other moitie to him or them that will sue for the same by bill, plaint, informacion, action of debt, or other wise in any of the Kinges Courtes, in which no essoine, or protection, or wager of law shalbe admitted or allowed.

and do it further enacted, that the said estatute made in ỳ said xxviij. yere of the Raigne of the said late kinge Henry the eyght, and euery article & prouision, being not altered by this estatute, shalbee good and effectuall.

¶ The xxxviij. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte for the paueinge of Calice.

Forasmuch as the streates, lanes, and waies within the Kinges Maiesties towne of Calice, be very foule, ruynous, noysome, and full of pyttes and slowes, verie daungerous and perilous, aswell for the kynges subiects throughe, and by them passing and repairing aswell on horsebacke, as on foote, as also with caryage, for lacke of good pauyng: for the good amendement and reformation whereof, it may therfore please the kings highnes, with the assent of his Lordes spirituall & temporall, and of his commons in this his high Court of Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that it may be ordeyned, stablyshed, and enacted, that al and euery person, bodies politique and corporate, which nowe haue, or at any time hereafter, shall haue any landes, tenementes, or other hereditaments, in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of life, or for terme of yeres, or by reason of the wardship of any heire during the nonage of the same heire, or otherwise lying or being within the said towne of Calice, shall on thisside the feast of Saint Michael the Archangell, which shalbe in the yeare of our Lord God, a thousand fyue hundred fifty and one, well and sufficiently pane or cause to be paued with paueing stone, all the streates, lanes, and wayes, and causeis within the said towne of Calice, with the channel runninge in the middle. Euery man such part and quantitie of the same streates, lanes, and wayes, & causeis, vnto the middest of the same streates, lanes, wayes, and causeis, and euery of them in length, as his or their landes or tenements lye or extende. Except the iiij. high streates within the said towne of Calice, with the Maior, and the Aldermen of the saide towne haue vsed to paue, & of right ought so to do. And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all and euery such persons, hauing or which hereafter shall haue, landes or tenementes in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of life, or otherwise, as is aforesaid, lying, being, or adioyning to and nexte eyther side of the same streates, lanes, wayes, or causeis, or any of them, their heires, assignes, or successors, after and from the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, which shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousande fiue hundred fiftie and one, shall yerely mainteyne and repaire the same pauements, and euery of them, ouer against his or their saide landes and tenementes, well and sufficiently from tyme

to time, when and as often as neede shall require, at al times hereafter with pauinge stone, vpon paine to forfaite for euery yarde square not sufficiently paued viij. pence to the kinges Maiesties vse, as often as any such default of any person, shalbee presented by the verdict of xij. men, or by three sufficient witnesses, before the Maior and Aldermen of the said towne of Calice, for the time being. And that the said Maior and Aldermen of the same towne of Calice, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to leuie the same to the kynges vse, by distres or plaine, in such maner & forme, as they haue heretofore vsed and accustomed, to leuie fines or amerciaments, within the said towne of Calice, and the same to be paied in the kinges Exchequer there. And if the said Maior and Aldermen for the time being, be at any time or times negligent or remisse in executing of the premisses vnto them appointed by this acte, and namely after two or three monicions, to them geuen by the Lord Deputie, Treasorer, & comptroller of the same towne for the time being, or two of them, that then the said Lord Deputie, Treasorer, and Comptroller, or two of them, shall from time to time, by vertue of this acte, haue full power and aucthoritie, to correct and reforme the said Maiors and aldermen, so found in default, by reasonable fine or amerciament to be leuied vpon them, by way of distres, or otherwise by the foresaid Treasorer and Comptroller, to the kinges vse and behoofe, for euery such default, the same fine or amerciament to be aunswered vnto in the kinges Exchequer there.

Prouyded alwaies and be it enacted that if the Leasees or occupyers of the same landes or tenementes, so to bee paued within the said towne, doe sufficiently paue or repaire the same before their mansion or dwelling places, the forsaide streates, lanes, wayes, or causis, that they and euery of them shall defaulk, abate, and retaine in his or their owne handes, as much of the rentes due to the Lessours, as they can duely proue to haue expended on the same pauing. And the Lessour, forasmuch as that summe doth amount vnto to haue no action nor entre for the non payment of the same, except it bee otherwise agreed betwene them. And where also within the said towne of Calyce, there are dyuers houses and tenements couered and thacked with Reede and Strawe, to the great perill and daunger of fyer, within the said Towne (which God defende.) For the speedie remedie and good reformation whereof: be it also enacted by the aucthoritie of this present parliament assembled, that from henceforth no person or persons whatsoeuer they be, shal couer or thacke any manner houses or buyldinges within the saide Towne with reede or strawe, but onely with tyle or slate. And that all houses and buyldinges which are already couered with reede or straw within the said towne, shalbe on this side the feast of saint Michael the Archangel, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God, a thousand fiue hundred fifty and two, wholy and fully couered with

with tyle or slate, at and by the proper costes and charges of the takers of the profites of the same houses and buyldings for the the time being. And whatsoeuer owner or owners of the said houses or tenementes within the same towne on this side the saide feast of Saunt Michaell the Archangel, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God, M.D.liij. do not take and plucke downe the same strawe & reede from the said buildings & houses, and couer them againe newly with tile or slate, within the same time: that then euery such owner or owners, for not doinge thereof in forme aboue said, shal forfait to the king our soueraigne Lord for euery mansion house not so done xl.li. the same forfeitures to be leuied by the same Treasorer or Comptroller (for the time being) to the kinges vse, & to be paied into the kinges Exchequer there.

¶ The xxxix. Chapiter.

¶ The kinges Maiesties free and most generall Pardon.

THe kinges most royall Maiestie, ryght well perceyuing his louyng subiectes by many and sundry waies and meanes, to haue borne and sustayned the great aduentures, charges & busines of warres, & defences of this his Realme, aswel in the time of his most deare father king Henry the eyght, as in his time & reigne, intendinge of his clemency and pittie to gratifie his said subiectes, with his graces free and liberal Pardon, according to his kingly power, trusting assuredly that his said subiectes will continue his louing and assured obedyent subiectes, and hereafter in such sort obey his highnes lawes and statutes, as to them & euery of them of ryght appertayneth, is fully and resolutely contented and pleased, that it bee enacted by authoritie of this present Parliament, in maner and fourme folowing. That is to say, that all and euery of his saide subiectes, aswell Spirituall as Temporall of thys his Realme of England, Wales, the Iles of Jerneley and Gersey, Berwike, Calice, Guysne, Hammes, Bulloigne, and Bullenois, & the Marches of the same, the heires, successors, executours, and administrators of them and euery of them, and all and singuler bodies, in any maner of wyse corporate, Cities, Boroughes, Shires, Ridinges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, wapentakes, Townes, Villages and Tythinges, and euery of them, and the successor and successors of them, shalbe by authoritie of this present Parliament, acquited, pardoned, released and discharged against the kings highnes, his heires, successors, & executors, & euery of them, of all maner of Treasons, hereses, felonies, robberies, offences, attemptes, trespasses, wronges, deceipts, misdemeanors, forfaitures,

penalties and profites, ſummes of money, paines of death, paines corporal and pecuniary, & all other thinges, cauſes, quarels, ſuites, iudgements, and executions, which may be or can be by his highnes in any wiſe, or by any meanes pardoned before, and vnto the xiiij. daye of March, in the yeare of our Lord God. M. D. xlviij. other then ſuch as hereafter in this acte bee excepted and forpriſed, in ſuch manner and fourme, and vnto ſuch times as they be excepted or forpriſed in this act, and other then ſuch as the clauſes of Prouiſo hereafter mencioned doth extende vnto.

And alſo the kinges highnes is further contented and pleaſed, that it be enacted by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that thys his ſaid general and free pardon, ſhalbe as good and effectual in the law, to euery of his ſaid ſubiectes, bodies corporate, & other before reherſed, and to euery of them, by the ſaid general wordes before rehearſed in all things which be not hereafter in this preſent act excepted or forprſed, as the ſame pardon ſhould haue ben, if all offences, contemptes, forfeytures, cauſes, matters, ſuites, quarels, iudgements, executions, penalties, and al other thinges not hereafter excepted nor contayned in any clauſe of Prouiſo hereafter mencioned, had ben particulerly, ſinguler ſpecially, and plainely named, rehearſed, & ſpecified, and alſo pardoned by proper and expreſſe wordes & names, in their kindes, natures, and qualities, by wordes and termes thereunto requiſite to haue bene put in and expreſſed in this act of free pardon.

And that his ſaid ſubiectes nor any of them, nor their executours or adminiſtrators of any of them, nor any of the ſaid bodies corporate, or any other perſon, bodies politique or corporate before named, or any of them be, nor ſhalbe ſued, vexed, or inquieted in their bodies, goods, landes or cattels, for any maner matter, cauſe, contempt, mildemeanor, forfeture, treſpas, offence, or any other thing ſuffered, done, or committed againſt his highnes Crowne, dignity, prerogatiue, lawe, or ſtatutes, but onely for ſuch matters, cauſes, & offences, as be rehearſed in the exceptions and clauſes of Prouiſo, in this preſent act hereafter mencioned, in ſuch maner and forme, as in the ſame exceptions and clauſes of prouiſo be mencioned, and for none other, any ſtatute or ſtatutes, lawes, cuſtomes, vſes or preſidents heretofore had, made, or vſed, to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

And alſo the kinges highnes of his bounteous liberalitie, by the auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, graunteth and freely geueth to euery of his ſaid ſubiectes, and euery of the ſaid bodies corporate, and other before rehearſed, and to euery of them, all ſuch landes, tenementes, and hereditaments, goodes, cattels, debtes, fines, iſſues, profits, amerciamentes, forfaitures, and ſummes of money by any of them forfaited which to his highneſſe doth or ſhould belong or appertaine, by reaſon of any offence, contempt, treſpas, mildemeanor, matter, cauſe, or quarel ſuffred

ſuffred, done, or committed by them, or any of them, which be not hereafter forpriſed or excepted in this preſent act.

And that all and euery the kinges ſaid ſubiectes, and all and ſinguler bodies corporate, and other before rehearſed, may by him or themſelues, or by his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their atturney or atturneis, according to the lawes of this realme, plead & miniſter thys preſent act of free pardon for his or their diſcharge, of & for euery thing that is by vertue of this preſent acte pardoned, diſcharged, geuen, or graũted without any fee or other thing in any wiſe paying to any perſon or perſons, for writing or entrie of the iudgemẽt, or other cauſe concerning ſuch plea, writing, or entrie, but onely xij.d. to bee paied to the officer or clerke that ſhall enter the plea, matter, or iudgement, for the diſcharge of any of the parties ſo pleading the ſame: any ſtatute or vſe to the contrary in any wiſe not withſtanding.

And furthermore, the kinges highnes is pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that his ſayd free Pardon by the generall woordes before rehearſed, ſhalbe reputed, demed, and iudged, allowed and taken in al maner of Courtes and elſwhere, aſwel in the woordes & clauſes of exceptions and forpriſes ſpecified in this preſent act, as in all and ſinguler other clauſes, woords and ſentemes, mencioned & rehearſed in this his ſaid free pardon moſt beneficially and auaylably to all & ſinguler his ſayd ſubiectes, bodies corporate, & other before rehearſed, and to euery of them in all thinges ambiguous or doubtfull, & moſt ſtrongly in Barre & diſcharge againſt hys highnes, his heires, ſucceſſours and executors, in euery thing without any obſtacle, challenge, or other delay, whatſoeuer it ſhalbe to be made, pleaded, obiected, or alleaged by the kinge our Soueraigne Lord, hys heirs, ſucceſſors, or executors, or by his or any of their general attorneys or attorneis, or by any perſon or perſons for his highnes, or any of his heires, ſucceſſors, or executors.

And furthermore it is enacted by the king our Soueraigne Lord, by aucthoritie of this preſent parliament, that if any officer or clerk of any his highnes Courtes, commonly called the kinges Bench, Chauncery, and Common place, or his Exchequer, or of any other officer or clerke, of any other Court wtin this Realme or in Wales, or other his highnes dominions aboue mencioned, at any time after the x.day of May next comming, which ſhalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, a thouſand fyue hundred xlix. make out or writt out any maner writtes or other proces or any extractes, ſummons, or other preceptes, whereby any of the ſaid ſubiectes, or any of the ſaid bodies corporate, or other before rehearſed, or any of them, ſhalbe in any wiſe arreſted, attached, diſtreined, ſũmoned, or otherwiſe vexed, inquieted or greeued in his or their bodyes, landes, tenementes, goodes, or cattelles, or in any of them, for, or becauſe of any maner of thinge pardoned or diſcharged by vertue of this

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acte of free pardon, he so offending, and thereof lawfully condempned, shall yeld and pay for the recompence thereof to the partie so greeued or offended, treble damages, to bee accompted as parcel of the damages and costes of the suite. And neuertheles, all and singuler such writtes, proces, extractes, and preceptes so to be made, for or vpon any manner thing pardoned or discharged by this act of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect.

Except alwaies and forprised out of this general and free pardone, all and all maner prepenced & voluntarie Murders, and poysonynges.

And except all felonious taking or stealing of any goodes or cattelles out of any church, chappell, or dwelling house, and al and singuler robberies and robberie of any person or persons, in or neere any high way committed, perpetrated, or done.

And also except and forprised out of this free pardon, all, & all maner of Pyracies and offences vpon the sea, had, done, committed, or perpetrated, sythen the first day of Januarie, in the first yere of the Raigne of our Soueraigne Lord the king. And also all and all maner of punishments, impeticions, forfeytures, paines of death, iudgements and executions, for the premisses before excepted, and for euery of them.

And except and forprised out of this free pardon, all and all maner of deceiptes & concealementes, of all and singuler Moneyers, and other officers, ministers, and workmen, of, or in any of the Myntes within any of the kinges Realmes or dominions, perpetrated, done, or committed in, or about the making, coyning, or altering of any money current within this Realme, or in any wise touchinge or concerninge any accomptes, or bookes of any of the said Officers or mynisters, or any of them, and all maner of impeticions, punishments, forfeitures, & penal for the same.

And except and forprised out of this free pardone, all and singuler summes & summe of money, graunted to the late king Henry the viij. by way or meane of Subsidie, fifteene, beneuolence, loane, and contribution, or by any of the same wayes or meanes. And al deteiners, withholdings and non payments touching or concerning the same, and also all and al maner of accomptes, and all actions, suites, and demaundes touching or concerning any accomptes, and al arrerages of accomptes, and all debtes, impeticions, suites, demaundes, & executions, by occasion or meanes of any accompt, or for any accompt.

And also except al titles of actions of Quare impedit, al ravishments and withholding of the kinges wardes, and the withholding of any wardes, landes, or tenementes, and the profit of the same landes and tenements, and all and euery fine or fines for the single value or double value of the mariage or mariages of any the kinges wardes, at any time growen to the kinge our Soueraigne Lord, or to any of his noble progenitours.

And

And also except all Homages and Reliefes, and all rentes seruyces, rentes charges, rentes secke, and tenthes, and tharrerages of euery of them.

And also except and forpised out of thys free pardone, all and singuler forfeitures, and al maner of penalties, summes of money, and profites whatsoeuer, growen or dewe, by reason of any offence or any act committed or done, contrarie to any statute or statutes, or contrarie to the common law, extending above the sumine of x. poundes, in money or in value, whereof any seisure was made, or any information geuen in the kings Exchequer, or any suit there commenced, and now depending, before the xij. day of February, in the yere of our Lord God, M.D. xlvij. and not yet determined, or whereof the kynges highnes, or king Henry the eight, by bill sealed with any of their seales, before the xiiij. day of March, in the yere of our Lord God, a thousand fyue hundred xlvij. haue made any gift or assignement to any of the seruauntes of our Soueraigne Lord the kinge, or kinge Henry the eight, or to any other person or persons.

And except and forpised out of this free pardon, all and singuler forfaitures and summes of money, being due to our Soueraigne Lorde the kinge, or to king Henry the eight, by any penal statute or statutes, which be conuerted into the nature of debtes by iudgement, or by agrement of the offendour.

And except and forpised out of this free pardon, all and all maner of debtes, due and to be due to our Soueraigne Lord the kinge, or vnto the late noble king of famous memorie king Henry the eyght, and king Henry the seuenth, or to any of them (other then such as are due to our Soueraigne Lord the kinge) vpon any obligation or recognisaunce forfaited for non apparance, or for not keeping of the peace, or not being of good behauiour.

And also except al issues, fines, & amerciamentes, affered, tared, set, extracted or entred, seuerally or particulerly, touching and concerning any one person or moe persons, ioyntly extendinge to the summe of xx. poundes or aboue. And that all and singuler other fynes, aswell fines pro licencia concordandi, as other fynes for contemptes or offences set or tared, and also all issues and amerciaments, aswel real as other which seuerally or particulerly extend not vpon or concerning any one person or moe persons ioyntly, to the summe of xx. poundes, whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of any shirife or shirifs, or not taken to his or their charge, extreated or not extreated, whether they be tourned into debt, or not tourned into debt, and not being leuied or receyued by any shirife or shirifes, bailife, ministers, or other officers shalbe fully, clerely, and plainely pardoned and discharged against the king our soueraigne Lord, his heires and successours for euer, by thys present acte of free pardon.

And

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that in case it shalbe obiected to or against any Shirife or shirifes, or other accomptaunt or accomptaunts in the kinges Court of Exchequer, or in any other his courts, that any shirife or shirifes, or other officers accomptaunt haue receyued or taken any such fines, issues, or amerciaments, by this present act pardoned & acquited, that then euery such shirife or shirifes or other accomptaunts shalbe discharged, released, pardoned, & acquited thereof by his or their othe, without any further trial in that behalfe.

Prouided alwaies, that this present act of free pardon, nor any thing therein contayned, shall extende to discharge, pardon, remit, or release vnto any person or persons, for any maner of issues, fines, or amerciaments of xx. pounds or vnder, whereof any Shirifes hath heretofore accompted before the Barons of the kynges Exchequer, or els where, and paied the same issues, fines, or amerciamentes, vpon his or their said accompt determined to the kinges vse, and haue his or their quietus est for the same.

Prouyded also, and be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that all and euery person and persons, which haue tended or sue liuerie out of the kinges handes, or that ought to sue any liuery out of the kinges handes, or that ought to sue any Ouster le maine, of any manors, landes, tenements, or hereditaments, whatsoeuer they be, shall sue and be bounden to sue his and their Liuerie or liueries, and Ouster le maine, of his and their manors, landes, tenementes, and hereditaments, as they ought or should haue done, if this free pardon had neuer bene graunted: any article, clause, matter, or sentence, acte or actes, thing or things in this present act of free pardon, compriled or specified to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And except and forpriled out of this free pardon, al and singuler person and persons, being the saide xiiij. day of March, in the yere of our Lord God, M.D. xlviij. prisoner or prisoners in the Tower of London or in the Fleete, or which were in the said prisons, or any of them, at any time since the first day of Februarie, in the yeare of our Lord God, a M.D. and xlviij. and are not discharged out of prison the said xiiij. day of March: and also all and singuler person & persons, at any time before the viij. day of March, in the said yere of our Lord God, a M.D. xlviij. put to death or in execution, by vertue of any maner of iudgement against him or them geuen.

And except and forpriled out of this free pardone, all and all maner of treasons done, committed, or perpetrated, by any person or persons, in any of the parties beyond the Sea, or in Scotlande, by any person or persons now beeing beyonde the sea, or in Scotlande (other then such Treasons or petit treasons, as haue ben committed, perpetrated, or done, by any person being beyond the sea, or in Scotland, that before the feast of the Natiuity of our Lord God, that shalbe in the yere of our

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Lord God. M. D. xlix. shal come & make their returne and repaire into this Realme of England) and except all imprecions, punishments, forfeitures, paines of death, executions & iudgements for the said treasons. And furthermore, the kinges Maiestie of his especiall grace and clemencie, is pleased and contented, that it be enacted and established by the auctheritie aforesaide, that all and singuler person and persons, being borne within this Realme of Englande, or in any of the kinges dominions and now beyonde the sea, or in Scotland, which before the first day of March, in the yeare of our Lord God. M. D. xlviii. and out of this realme of England, or any of the kinges dominions, for any high Treason, petit Treason, misprision of treason, or for any felonie, murder, or other crime or offence, by him or them in any wise committed, done or perpetrated, shal by vertue of this free pardon, be clerely discharged, acquited and pardoned of all and all maner of treasons, petit treasons, misprision of treason, & other offences & crimes whatsoeuer, done, committed or perpetrated before the said first day of March in the said yere of our Lord God. M. D. xlviii. and of all maner of impetitions, suytes, penalties, forfeitures, executions for the same: So that he or they doe come and make their returne and repaire into this Realme of England, on this side the said feast of the Natiuitie of our Lord God. M. D. xlix.

And also our said Soueraigne Lord the king, by vertue of this acte, and by thauctheritie abouesaid, doth geue auctheritie and licence to al & euery of the said person & persons, being beyonde the sea, or in Scotland, to returne & repaire into this realme of England, & other his dominions, before the same feast of the Natiuitie of our Lord God. M. D. xlix.

Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted by thauctheritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery Clerk, & other, of any office of ỳ kings Courts, without any forfeiture, losse, or punishment for the same, to awarde and make writtes of Capias vtlagatum, at the suit of the partie plaintife against any person or persons being outlawed in any action, to thintent to compel the person or persons so outlawed, to make aunswere to the plaintife or plaintifes, at whose suite he or they were, or was outlawed, and also that euery person & persons, now being outlawed, shalbe bounden to sue a writ of Scire facias against the party or parties, at whose suite he or they were, or was outlawed, before suche time as the person or persons so outlawed, shal take any aduantage of this free pardon, concerning his or their outlawrie.

And the king our Soueraigne Lord is contented & pleased to graūt by thauctheritie aforesaid, that it shalbee lawfull to all and singuler Archbishops & Bishops of this his Realme of England and Wales, to deliuer out of prison, and set at libertie, all and singuler those persones being in prison in their custodie, or in the custodie of any of them, as clerke or clerkes conuict or attainted, which be pardoned by this act of free

free pardon, without any further act or suit to be made for the allowance of this pardon or otherwise, any act of Parliament, law, vsage, custome, or other thing to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that this present act of free pardon, or any thing therin conteyned, shall not in any wise extende, to discharge or pardon any offence, paine, or penaltie done, committed, or forfeited, by force of any statute herein made against the decaying of any house or houses of husbandry, or conuerting of any land from tillage into pasture, or otherwise, or in any other maner, then to pardon and discharge al issues, profites, paines, and penalties, growen or due to the kinges Maiestie, or to his late father of famous memorie king Henry the eyght, before the last day of March, in the yere of our lord God. M. D. xlvi. or by reason of any such offence or offences, which issues, profites, paines, and penalties, are plainly and clerely before pardoned, in, and by thys present acte of free pardon. Nor shall extende to geue or make any licence or dispensation to any person or persons, to holde or continue the same so decayed, contrary to the fourme of any such statute or statutes.

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